

# MEAT PRICES HERE SHOOT SKY HIGH AS PACKERS WALLOW IN PROFITS; PUBLIC URGED TO FIGHT BACK

## Officials Here Admit Price Rise High as 50%

Consumers Leader Says Public Needs 'Defense' Against Profiteers

By Beth McHenry  
The alarming, persistent rise in the price of meat was this week officially admitted by the Department of Markets whose weekly consumer bulletin revealed that the price of pork was 29 per cent higher than a year ago, that beef was up 23 1/2 per cent, veal 16 per cent, and lamb 14 1/2 per cent.

Keeping step with the profits of the "Big Four" meat corporations, the price of meat rose in some instances 50 per cent during 1940.

The Department of Market's comparative price list showed that loin of pork, for instance, which cost the housewife 16 cents a pound back in January, 1940, cost her 24 cents a pound in January, 1941.

The Daily Worker checked the figures of the Department of Market with the price lists in meat markets and discovered that generally the price was a cent or two higher a pound than listed by the Department.

### CONSUMERS PROTEST

This shocking onslaught by the big meat corporations against the health of the American people was termed a crime against "real national defense" yesterday by the Consumers Division of the American Peace Mobilization which urged the public to force Thurman Arnold of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice to investigate conditions in the meat industry which have led to this fantastic price rise.

Mrs. Frances Watson, chairman of the Consumers Division of APM, in a statement yesterday said that the "American people need adequate food for defense against undernourishment and disease."

Mrs. Watson scored the greed of the big meat corporations to whom "patriotism" is so profitable. She cited the last available profit statistics which showed that the "Big Four" (Armour, Wilson, Swift and Cudahy) hoisted their "rewards" from \$1,560,000 in 1938 to \$33,960,000 in 1940.

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## Window Washer Saved After Narrow Escape

Abraham Drimmer, 57, a window cleaner, narrowly escaped death yesterday while working on windows of the Lorton Importing Co. on the 12th floor of the Morton Building, 116 Nassau St.

It was the cries of Irene Soskin, clerk of the company, which brought help as Dimmer dangled in a precarious position from one good strap. His other one broke.

A great noon hour crowd watched from 160 feet below as Miss Soskin's brother, Murray, and Arthur Gordon, pulled Dimmer up with great difficulty.

A fire rescue company, emergency wagon and ambulance wagon arrived, but too late to be of any assistance.

## Draftees Won't Get Out in 1 Year, Rep. Walsh Hints

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 5.—At a hearing of the Joint Committee on Labor and Industries, held today at the State House to consider a number of bills dealing with protecting unemployment compensation benefits and job security for draftees, Rep. George T. Walsh of Lowell announced that "official" word would soon be received from Washington that Massachusetts men inducted into service for a year will have their time extended to 18 months.

Appearing in support of his particular bill to pay draftees the benefits they have earned immediately on induction, he said:

"I know—and you will soon be officially informed—that the men now in the service will stay in for at least 18 months. It is only right that the dependents of these boys get the money due them. A great many will be in the service longer than we expect."

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### Weather

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Eastern New York: Cloudy and warmer.  
New Jersey: Cloudy and warmer.



by Gropper

## Cuban Communist Party Backs Batista's Action

Offers Cooperation in Welding Unity of People to Maintain Rights of People; Batista Restores Constitutional Guarantees

By Eugenio Soler  
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 5.—Popular and democratic organizations, headed by the Union Revolutionary-Communist Party and the Cuban Confederation of Labor, have publicly declared their solidarity with the position of President Fulgencio Batista, it was announced today.

The Union Revolutionary-Communist Party says in part: "We offer Batista our cooperation in obtaining the unity of all popular forces in support of the President of the Republic in his task of maintaining the principles of the Constitution, the rights of the people, and national integrity."

Commenting on the situation, the progressive daily newspaper "Hoy" declares in its editorial, "A Victory for the People," that a treacherous plot has been crushed and that the Republic and the people have achieved a great victory, but warns that all obstacles have not been overcome. It declares that "in the hour of triumph it is more than ever necessary to maintain the vig-

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## Murray Hits War Bill, Backs 'Aid' to Britain

Cites Danger to Labor Laws Under Bill; Says Nation Demands Peace

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Philip Murray, President of the CIO, today criticized the lend-lease bill, but at the same time said that "the American nation supports the policy of giving full aid to Great Britain."

In a statement submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Murray indicated his position on foreign policy and on aid to Great Britain for the first time since his election as president of the CIO.

He singled out for criticism the phrase in the bill, "notwithstanding the provision of any other law," which would make it possible for the President to suspend all labor laws and the broad powers making it possible for the President to order the conveying of ships.

"The powers which are bestowed upon the President under the proposed legislation are more far-reaching than ever suggested at any time in the American history," Murray declared.

Murray said that the American people "have not received the benefit of such complete and full disclosure which would permit them to pass judgment upon (A) the justification for the requested legislation, or (B) the intended foreign policy of this nation which is

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## Kern Charges Probe Is Dodge Of Merit Rating

Says Witch-hunters Want to Put Incompetents on City Payroll

Assailing Emil K. Ellis, counsel for the Al Smith Jr. councilman committee, as a "completely irresponsible hypocrite," Civil Service Commission President Paul J. Kern yesterday charged the council members were attempting to put on the city payroll persons who had failed in civil service tests.

Kern attacked the report of the Smith Committee, submitted to the Council on Tuesday, which seeks funds to continue the witch hunt into affairs of municipal employees.

"This is itself," he said, "is not surprising, since all politicians operate for profit. It is shocking, however, that Mr. Ellis should expose himself again with this request as a completely irresponsible hypocrite, just as he has in other respects of the Council inquiry."

"He now asks an appropriation for his work. But for six months past he has been loudly proclaiming that he and his staff were volunteers."

Kern quoted from ten newspaper stories which mentioned Ellis declaring proudly his assistant investigators "serve without pay."

The Tammany bosses, he asserted, have not yet decided how much they are going to pay these "volunteers" but suggest \$25,000.

"It should be noted," Kern said, "that at least nine, and probably more, of these assistants are disappointed candidates for civil service jobs. If they are paid by the city, it will be the first time in history

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## Norway Stormtroopers Battle in Streets

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 5 (UP).—Street fighting between civilians and Norwegian stormtroopers at Alesund, north of Bergen, was reported tonight in dispatches from Oslo. A number of civilians were said to have been injured.

### Firemen Escape

Ten firemen narrowly escaped injury when the roof of a garage at 5 Tvers Ave., Jersey City, collapsed while they were fighting a fire yesterday morning. One fireman was overcome by smoke.

## SPAIN RESCUE MISSION SIGNS CONTRACT FOR REFUGEE SHIP

### RAF Blasts at Nazi Bases on French Coast

Nazi Planes Renew Drive on British Shipping, Claim 14,000 Tons

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Scores of Royal Airforce bombers and fighters, seizing the initiative in the air war, today blasted airdromes, docks, barges and troop concentrations along the French channel coast.

The daylight sweep of Germany's invasion bases followed last night's widespread British raids extending from Dusseldorf, Germany, to Bordeaux, France, described as the biggest and most extensive of the past two weeks.

Last night's extensive attacks blasted German positions at a dozen strategic points, including the naval base at Brest, the submarine base at Bordeaux, the German industrial city of Dusseldorf, the great French port of Cherbourg, Calais, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Ostend and airdromes at Vannes and other French bases of the Luftwaffe. In these attacks the British admitted losing four planes.

At Bordeaux an oil storage depot was believed set afire when bombs fell on one of the principal basins of the harbor.

For more than an hour the British bombers showered explosives on the great Merignac airdrome outside Bordeaux, base for big Focke-Wulf four-engine bombers.

At Dunkirk, direct bomb hits were claimed by R. A. F. pilots on docks, and from Dieppe came similar reports.

Cherbourg was raided twice, the Air Ministry said, and "targets at the docks, including repair yards, were straddled by high explosives."

### BERLIN CLAIMS

17 RAF PLANES  
BERLIN, Feb. 5 (UP).—The official DNB news agency claimed tonight that the foray of Royal Air Force planes over the French channel coast today cost the British 17 planes.

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—German raiders returned to London and (Continued on Page 3)

### Scotland Yard Hunts Food 'Bootleggers'

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Scotland Yard today reported increasing activity by organized gangs of food "hi-jackers" and "bootleggers" and moved swiftly to hunt out receivers and distributors dealing in "hot" foodstuffs.

### Rome Butter Price Up 7 1/2 Cents

ROME, Feb. 5 (UP).—Giuseppe Tassinari, food controller and Minister of Agriculture, announced today a rise of approximately 7 1/2 cents a pound in the wholesale price of butter.

## 'HOARDING ALUMINUM'--LATEST TRICK IN THE GRABBING OF WAR PROFITS

The multi-millionaire Mellon family sees in the "defense" program a wonderful chance to coin a little extra profits.

In this, of course, it is no different, no worse and no better than any other self-respecting Wall Street corporation.

After all what is the use of "defense" which does not bring in extra profits? Did anyone ever hear of a "defense" program in an imperialist country which caused loss of profits? It is an absurdity.

Hoarding the available supplies of aluminum, is the way the Mellons are doing it. Officials of the National Defense Commission yesterday reluctantly were forced to deliver a very polite rebuke to the Mellons on this point.

It seems that the Mellons are deliberately keeping the airplane corporations waiting for their aluminum. In this way, the Mellons can jack up the price of aluminum later on.



Investigators Search through the charred ruins of the New Haven Quilt and Pad Company in New Haven, Conn., where 19 workers were burned to death and three other employees injured. A spark from machinery started the fire. The dead were trapped in the picking room. Coroner's assistants are about to remove one of the bodies. The plant was working on a 24-hour basis on defense orders.

### 10 Perish in New Haven Defense Plant

Workers Trapped By Flames in Burning Quilting Plant

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 5 (UP).—Fire which swept rapidly through loose cotton on the third floor of the New Haven Quilt and Pad Co. today killed 10 men trapped by walls of flame across the exits.

The plant was working on defense orders totaling \$2,000,000.

The fire and cotton fumes were so intense that other workers were driven from the building after a futile attempt to halt the blaze.

"We stood outside for about 20 minutes before we realized that some of the men were still in the building," foreman Isidore Donner said.

All the men were working in one department. A spark from a carding machine, used to fluff cotton as it is removed from bales, ignited a pile of loose cotton. Nearby bales went up quickly.

"Right after the cotton caught fire flame shot across the doorway," Donner related. He said he and 10 other workers fought the fire with hand extinguishers until they were forced to run for their lives.

"Through it all," he said, "we didn't hear any screams or noise to indicate that some of the men had been trapped or overcome."

He and the others stood outside (Continued on Page 4)

### Dodd Demands Public Hearing On N.Y. Budget

Hits Lehman's Proposal to Slash Social Services Under 'Defense' Cloak

By S. W. Gerson

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—Warning against slashing social services "under the spurious smoke screen of national defense," Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, today demanded "a full and free discussion" of the Governor's \$388 million proposed budget.

Dr. Dodd urged legislative leaders to transfer the public hearing on the budget from the Assembly chamber, Feb. 12 to the local armory. Last year's hearing, attended by thousands and with scores of speakers, was held there.

The teachers' representative voiced the demand in an open letter to Abbot Low Moffat, chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman George L. Thompson of the Senate Finance Committee.

Dr. Dodd's letter follows: "On behalf of the New York State Federation of Teachers' Unions, may we strongly urge that the public hearings on the budget be held at the Armory or a place large enough to accommodate all the citizens who are eager to at-

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### S.S. Lovcen Will Sail for Morocco Feb. 26, Says Dr. Barsky

WILL CARRY 450

Mexican Gov't Ready to Receive Them Hidalgo Wires

By Art Shields

The American Rescue Ship Mission yesterday signed a contract for a ship to carry Spanish refugees from Casablanca, French Morocco to Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the United American Spanish Aid Societies announced at a press conference last night that the S.S. Lovcen, of 3,500 tons displacement, had been provided by the Central American Navigation Co. of Panama for the trip.

The S. S. Lovcen is now lying at Pier 1, the municipal dock at the tip of Manhattan, said Dr. Barsky. It has a Lloyd's certificate of safety. Built in 1911, it was reconditioned in 1934.

It returned from a West Indian passenger cruise last week. The Rescue Ship will sail from New York about Feb. 26 or 27 for Casablanca to take aboard about 450 Spanish refugees.

MORE TRIPS EXPECTED  
Options have been signed for two more trips, said Dr. Barsky.

"We hope the ship can make as many trips as possible," said the Spanish Aid Societies chairman. "We believe the American people will give the fullest support. We know the American people want to save the refugees from the misery and hopelessness of the Moroccan camps and send them to a land of hope in Mexico."

"What can be finer than this?" continued Dr. Barsky.

There was strong feeling in the tones of the Spanish Aid chairman as he told of the plight of the refugees in Africa and France.

Dr. Barsky, who knows the Spanish people from his long service as administrative surgeon with the Spanish Republican forces, said that the condition of the refugees was terrible.

So serious was the health situation that the Rescue Ship Mission was providing large stores of vitamins and special foods for passengers suffering from nutritional deficiencies and gastric disorders, he reported.

The French government has agreed to release the refugees, said Dr. Barsky, and the Mexican government has promised to take all that can come.

At this point Dr. Barsky read a telegram from Ernesto Hidalgo, representative of the Mexican Department of Foreign Affairs, reaffirm-

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The airplane corporations are squawking. They don't want the Mellons to grab all the war profits for themselves. Mr. Stettinius, recently of U. S. Steel and now a big patriot in Washington where the contracts are being handed out, had to step in to the situation yesterday. "The tight situation in aluminum," he said, "is the artificial scarcity caused by the hoarding of scrap. This means that scrap is actually more plentiful than would appear, but that it is being withheld from the market."

Sheer profiteering, in plain language! But the polite Washington officials and the Mellon monopolists will iron out this little family quarrel. The profits will roll in. Everybody will be happy.

What did you say? That the aluminum workers want 10 cents an hour more in wages? Don't be silly. That is "subversive." Doesn't Sidney Hillman say that labor must sacrifice its health, its working conditions, and its food in this "emergency"?



# APM Calls Giant American People's Meeting Here for Peace On April 5, 6--Anniversary of Wilson's 1917 Entry Into War

## Call Says 'Men in High Places' Plot Involvement

Nationally Prominent Leaders Endorse Plan for Huge Meeting for Peace; Groundwork for Historic Event Well Under Way

The American Peace Mobilization called upon the people of the nation today to rally at a great American Peoples Meeting in New York April 5 and 6 the anniversary of Woodrow Wilson's declaration of war in 1917, to halt the drive in this country.

A nationwide response to the call for the conference, which was decided on at the APM Working Conference for peace in Washington January 25 and 26 has already been registered.

Two hundred and twenty delegates from 53 cities in 27 states attended the Washington parley representing unions, youth, civic and progressive organizations.

The call for the April meeting charges that "men in high places are dragging us into war 3,000 miles away to line the pockets of the corporate interests." It urges "workers from mill and mine and factory, from office and railroad and ship; upon the farmers, upon the unemployed; upon the churches; upon the Negro people; the youth, the aged, and all to send representatives to mobilize the people for Peace, Liberty and common welfare."

Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the APM issued the call. It has already been endorsed by Rev. John B. Thompson, APM chairman Theodore Dreiser, APM vice-chairman; Rep. Vito Marcantonio; Jack McMichael, chairman of the American Youth Congress; Reid Robinson, president of the United Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of America; and Katherine Terrill, Secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congressional and Christian Churches.

Charles Egle, Minnesota Farmers Union, Hugh De Lacey, Washington Commonwealth Federation, Herman Long, Southern Negro Youth Congress, George F. Murphy, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and many others.

### TEXT OF CALL

The text of the call reads: "To All Friends of Peace and Liberty: We are in danger. The tragic days of 1917 and an AEF are almost here again.

"Our trade unions are under attack. The right to strike is being taken away.

"Our farmers are being driven from their land; their products are selling below cost. We are paying more for food.

"Our rents are being increased. Our wages are being held down. Unemployment continues and our relief is being cut.

"Discrimination against our Negro people is increasing. Attacks against the Jewish people are being intensified. Our non-citizens have been finger-printed.

"There are virtually no jobs for youth. Four million people are being placed under military law.

"Congress continues to deny the vote to ten million American citizens. Minority parties are being rapidly suppressed.

"We are being intimidated and spied upon. Our persons and papers are being seized without warrant.

"Our Constitutional rights are being taken from us.

"This is how democracy was blacked out in Germany and in France, how it is being blacked out in England and how it will be blacked out here unless labor and the people unite and act.

"These things have happened to us because our statesmen and economic royalists are violating the will of the people. Men in high places are dragging us into war three thousand miles away.

"This is not a war to wipe out the evils of Hitlerism and tyranny. It is not a war to liberate the peoples of Germany or France, India or Ireland, Africa or Asia. It is not a war to defend democracy. It is a war to line the pockets of corporate interests at the expense of the peoples of the world.

"The Tory bill 1916 would enable these corporate interests to drag America more deeply into this war. It would give the President of the United States the power:

"To get us into total war against the will of the people."

"To substitute government by decree for constitutional government."

"To disregard any law on the books."

"To give away our ships, our planes, our guns, our vital resources to any foreign country."

"All out! aid to the British Empire or any other such warring empire means total war for the American people."

### THE WAY OUT

"There is a way out. The drive toward fascist rule in America and total war can be stopped. Sovereignty belongs to

## B'klyn Peace Rally to Be Held Tonight

APM Meeting to Hear Curran, Quill, Dodd, at Music Academy

The Brooklyn organizing committee, American Peace Mobilization, urged an overflow attendance for the mass rally in defense of trade union rights and peace to be held at the Academy of Music, tonight. Featured speakers at the rally include Joseph Curran, president of the New York Industrial Union Council and of the National Maritime Union; Michael J. Quill, president, Transport Workers Union; Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative, Local 5, Teachers Union, AFL.

The committee pointed to the "current drive against labor as part and parcel of the drive to involve our nation actively in the present war for colonies and empire" and said that the meeting tonight would mark the opening of a united "campaign of all Brooklyn organizations against the passage of the War Involvement Bill, H. R. 1776."

### THEATRE SKITS

Entertainment for the meeting will be provided by the American Youth Theatre in a series of skits from the new AYT Review.

A high point of the rally tonight will be the analysis by Dr. Dodd of the Rapp-Coudert Committee and its seizure of Teachers Union membership lists.

In addition to Curran, Quill and Dr. Dodd, speakers at tonight's meeting include: Joseph Dermody, district representative, District No. 4, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Irving Schurman, president, District Council 9, Painters Union; Ernest Guinier, vice-president, N. Y. District, State, County and Municipal Workers; and G. H. Van Tyne, trade union director, American Peace Mobilization.

## RAF Blasts at Nazi Bases on French Coast

Nazi Planes Renew Drive on British Shipping, Claim 14,000 Tons

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Other parts of Britain tonight after daylight attacks which unofficial sources said cost the Nazis six planes, three of them bombers shot down at sea in an attack on a convoy off the southeast coast.

The capital's defense guns threw up a barrage early in the evening and motors were audible overhead. Other raiders were reported over east England.

### NAZIS RENEW SHIP BOMBINGS

BERLIN, Feb. 5 (UP).—German bombing planes in a renewed effort against British shipping were reported today to have sunk or heavily damaged four vessels aggregating more than 14,000 tons.

At the same time the high command said a German sea raider had reported sinking 40,000 tons of enemy shipping overseas, bringing its total to 110,000 tons.

The official DNB news agency said German bombers carried out a daylight attack on a strongly protected British convoy near Ramsgate Wednesday. The sinking of a 3,000-ton freighter and severe damage to another of 6,000 or 7,000 tons were claimed.

## Haiti Faces Dictatorship Under President Vincent

The plans for the unconstitutional third term for President Vincent of Haiti were prepared for final execution at a meeting called by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Lelio Joseph, at which were present members of the Legislative Corps, the Secretaries of State and the Mayor of Port au Prince, according to information received from Haiti, Clifford T. McAvoy, Chairman of the Council for Pan American Democracy here at 100 Fifth Ave., announced yesterday.

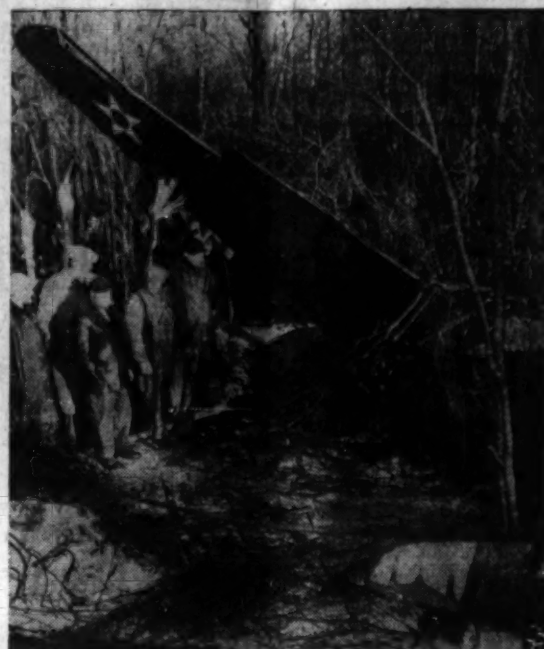
Mr. Lelio Joseph, reporting on the general situation in Haiti, emphasized that the time was ripe for a final decision regarding the "legalizing" of the third term for President Vincent, and that any delay must be avoided.

The meeting of the officials of the Vincent regime then adjourned to the offices of the President of the Senate, General Nemour. A resolution was prepared favoring a third term of five years for President Vincent. This resolution is to be presented at the forthcoming

meetings of the Chamber of Deputies, and the Senate.

An interesting sidelight on this meeting is the presence of General Nemour as President of the Senate. General Nemour was formerly Minister of the Interior, and was charged with the responsibility for securing the desired results in the elections to the Chamber of Deputies. Since then, the former President of the Senate was removed and General Nemour named in his place by Presidential decree.

"Thus, the Vincent regime takes the final steps for self-perpetuation in direct conflict with the Constitution of Haiti. Thus, the terror against the people of Haiti, the violence against the opposition parties and candidates is consummated in these anti-democratic schemes to continue the dictatorial rule of President Vincent and his regime," declared Max L. Hudicourt, secretary general of the Party of Democratic Action of Haiti, in a statement to the Council for Pan American Democracy.



End of a Power Dive: Here is all that remains of one of the army's fastest pursuit ships after one wing snapped off plunging Second Lieutenant Sherman E. Denny, of San Pedro, Calif., to his death at Northport, L. I.

## British 'Democracy' Bans Daily Worker in S. Africa

From Johannesburg, South Africa, scene of the recent anti-war demonstrations, suppressed by gunfire of British troops, the Daily Worker has received the following letter:

(Di. patches, creeping through the tight censorship from the British colony, reported that more than 230 South Africans were sent to hospitals when police and troops attacked a "Republican anti-war organization, known as the Ossewa Brandweg.")

"Johannesburg, South Africa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

"We very much regret that we have to discontinue your paper because as I explained in my letter of Sept. 25, the paper is banned in this country and every bundle you have sent since that date has been stopped.

"As soon as normal times return, we shall renew. We are extremely sorry that our good business relations should have taken this sad turn, as we know that your paper is worthy of every support.

"PEOPLE'S BOOKSHOP."

## Draftees Won't Get Out in 1 Year, Rep. Walsh Hints

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Partisan League, appeared on behalf of their organizations. Nathaniel Mills, Jr., of the Massachusetts Youth Congress, spoke on behalf of the proposals and specifically for the Youth Congress Bill, H. 1126, to protect the jobs of draftees up to the date of their actual induction.

Otis Archer Hood, Chairman of the Communist Party of Massachusetts, spoke on the need for such legislation. He recommended to the committee that the best points of

the several bills introduced be incorporated in one bill and that the committee report it out favorably.

This incorporated bill, he said, should include payment of a lump sum, payable on date of entry into federal service rather than after the date of discharge.

Senator George Stanton expressed his opposition to the war as follows:

"We do not know that these boys are going to return. We are on the threshold of war. There is no question about that. In my opinion we'll be in war before the year is over, even though we don't declare war. Wars are not declared these days, anyway. We'll just be in it."

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that men will receive paid city jobs for failing a civil service test."

The assistant investigators were characterized in Kern's remarks as "clubhouse boys" on the "inside at the City Council."

"Now at the expiration of eight months," he continued, "during which time the Council has raked over every aspect of our work they have not yet uncovered a single case of fraud nor a single shred of improper domination."

"Civil service graft and corruption that were widespread under Tammany have been extinguished by this office. Racial and religious discrimination, openly practiced in the past, has been abolished. The Smith-Ellis mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse—but it is a dead mouse. Now they ask the taxpayers to fork over \$35,000 for their mummy."

"For a front man they hire Mr. Emil K. Ellis who spends his time from July to December telling the world about his high minded volunteer public service; and then spends the time from January to June begging city money to pay him lavishly for his volunteer service."

"The hypocrisy of Mr. Ellis is typical of the hypocrisy of the whole inquiry. It is Tammany's brand of shoddy and it will meet the fate it deserves."

## 200 Families Beat France, Noted Catholic Reveals

Notre Dame University Prints Article by French Catholic Philosopher Who Admits Communists Fought for 'National Dignity' of the People

By OAKLEY JOHNSON

The Rightist parties and factory owners of France were responsible for her downfall before the armies of Nazi Germany last spring, according to a comprehensive 33-page article in an American Catholic quarterly, "The Review of Politics," January, 1941, published by the University of Notre Dame.

This truth has been maintained all along by the Communist press, and admitted a hundred times over in books and in the "public" bourgeois press. What makes this particular article significant is first of all its source, which is Catholic political opinion, and scholarly university opinion at that, which gives it (in academic circles, at least) an authoritative quality. Secondly, the author, Professor Yves R. Simon, a liberal French Catholic philosopher, puts his finger on a fact that makes the 'French debacle' still very much worth talking about: he says, "the causes which have effected the suspension of French liberties are still at work all over the world."

Professor Simon's article, "The European Crisis and the Downfall of the French Republic," is not free from the typical irrelevances and misstatements generally to be found in the writings of even the best bourgeois political journalists and historians.

For example, Professor Simon is content to refer to the "peaceful" plebiscite in the Saar district, January, 1935, which was actually a disgraceful affair of Nazi violence constituting a sample of the Hitler moves which the appeasers were willing to overlook. He makes a sweeping and debatable assertion like the following: "The ideology of the [French] Communist Party, popularized by very poor thinkers in unreadable newspapers, seemed so very appealing to educated youth." And he puts into a footnote the current slander, "The French Communist Party supported cynically Hitler's peace moves in September, 1938."

Such statements are more or less nauseating, but we need not stop now to deal with them in detail. At any rate, they establish the fact that Professor Simon is an unwilling witness, and therefore whatever direct or implied compliments he pays the French Communists are not due to his love for them.

Professor Simon goes directly to the cause of the French defeat. Of course, he writes, referring to the tedious military analyses, France had too few tanks and planes, the generals were incompetent, the fortifications were incomplete, and key positions were held by traitors.

So what? "WHY," he asks, "did France have so few planes and tanks? WHY incompetent fortifications? WHY incompetent leaders? HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE that traitors remained in key positions. . . ." (Our emphasis—O. J.)

BOUND DESTINIES

Long before Hitler came into power in 1933, the French reactionary interests fostered the idea in France that Germany was "treasoning," and might attack France any time. This helped Big Business to sell munitions to the government, and to hold back progressive reforms. "In order to carry out their designs," Simon goes on, "the reactionary parties were badly in need of the continual threat of a foreign aggressor." This meant that, Hitler or no Hitler, "the political destiny of the Right was bound up with the

permanent character of the German menace."

Then came Hitler, and the first steps of aggression on the part of both Hitler and Mussolini.

The Italian assault on Ethiopia brought into the open the attitudes and special interests of the Right: "In the Ethiopian conflict, all the Right Wing of the French Nation stood up like a single man against the League, against international law, against treaties signed by France, and supported the Italian aggression with a kind of feverish enthusiasm. . . . Such a fervent support, apparently given to the Italian Nation, was mainly the expression of a devotion to the ideals embodied in the Fascist regime and policy. . . ."

He refers to this case of aggression as a "sorrowful" story, especially because the "Ethiopians had no masks to protect themselves against poison gas."

THE COMMUNISTS STAND

Fascism was threatening the French people, who hated it, and the Fascist Powers were threatening the French nation. The French reactionaries were aware of these threats, but they proceeded to do everything they could to favor those who threatened, whereas "the Communist Party offered itself as the champion of the national dignity of the French people, outraged by Fascist powers."

He continues: "The majority of the Right was in an embarrassing situation: rejecting, on the one hand, any understanding with Soviet Russia, wanting, on the other hand, to remain true to its patriotic tradition, it escaped the problem by taking refuge in the fantastic illusion that European peace and French security were not endangered by Fascist Powers, but rather by Communism."

Stander of the Communists became their main activity, and even the most foolish story became believable, provided it was able to throw new light on the wickedness of Communism. Thus, on the basis of a charge against Communists, pictured as "the only ones who wanted war," a system of misstatements was built up, the elements of which need not be described, since they were identical with world-known themes of Nazi propaganda."

These "world - known themes" were attacks on the Communist Party, on organized labor, on the Jews. These were the main ideas of the Right. The Communists of France and the Jews of France were the main enemies of the Right, and in these things the French reactionaries felt themselves on Hitler's side. "A Frenchman who considered as his best friends the Fascist allies of Hitler," Simon points out, "could not help being irresolute in his will to oppose Hitler. A Frenchman whose greatest hatred was that

of the Jews could not help being irresolute in his will to oppose the great chief of the anti-Semitic world-campaign."

In a significant footnote Simon carries further his conclusions as to whether the blame lies. Speaking of French lack of preparedness, he says: "Although the Communist Party is undoubtedly to be blamed for good part of the evil done, it seems difficult to charge the Communists with having systematically organized, at that time, the sabotage of French production."

THE GREAT BETRAYAL

Then he adds: "Finally, it seems that some employers put down purposely the output of their factories, in order to precipitate the fall of the People's Front government. Many indications point to the conclusion that this sabotage by the employers did not end with the liquidation of the People's Front, but REMAINED EFFECTIVE UP TO THE LIQUIDATION OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC." (Emphasis not Professor Simon's.)

Hence it was that the Rightists of French Big Business constituted the French nation's Fifth Column, "before the defeat of battle," the article emphasizes, "France had met defeat from within."

The national interests of a country are not betrayed by the country's workers, and least of all by the most advanced workers, those in the Communist Party, as the Daily Worker has more than once pointed out. The Communists have in mind the best interests of the workers of all countries, and they have no desire either for aggression against other peoples or betrayal of their own. The French Communist Party defended France, and that is why the reactionaries, from Blum and Daladier to Petain and Laval, suppressed the Communist Party and continue to hunt down and jail its members.

Two Italian Ships Sunk, Athens Claims

Also Report Capturing 20,000 Prisoners Since War Started

BUDAPEST, Feb. 5 (UP).—The Greek navy has torpedoed and sunk two Italian ships totalling 11,000 tons, according to a radio announcement from Athens today.

One of the ships was of 5,000 tons and the other was of 6,000 tons. The Athens radio did not disclose where the sinkings occurred.

GREEKS TAKE MANY PRISONERS, ATHENS SAYS

ATHENS, Feb. 5 (UP).—Greek forces driving on the Albanian coast of Valona and towards Italy's Berat base have seized "important positions," many prisoners and abundant war materials, a communiqué of the Greek High Command reported today.

The Greek radio reported that the Greeks now have taken about 20,000 Italian prisoners since the start of the war on Oct. 28.

(The Greek radio, heard in Budapest, told of the taking of 2,000 Italian prisoners and much booty in battles north of Kilsura and Tepelini.)

A government spokesman, discussing the situation at the front, said the Italians were hastily throwing up a new defense line all along the front. His information, he said, came from prisoners.

DORZA FALLS, GREEKS REPORT

STRUGA, Yugoslavia, Feb. 5 (UP).—Frontier reports said today that Greek troops have occupied Dorza, 18 miles south of Valona on the main Tepelini-Valona road.

Six British and Greek planes bombed Valona today, it was reported, and were attacked by Italian fighter craft. The Italians shot down one Blenheim bomber, it was said.

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# Ford Thuggery Against AFL Exposes Green's Attempt at Whitewash

Blackjack Squads Beat Dallas AFL Men with Approval of Dearborn Dictator, NLRB Decision Disclosed

By ADAM LAPIN  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—As CIO President Philip Murray pointed out, William Green has attempted to "stab in the back" the great drive of the United Automobile Workers to organize that citadel of the open shop, the Ford Motor Co.

But Green's bootlicking praise of Ford's labor policy as one which had permitted workers to join unions "without interference" was also a betrayal of thousands of AFL members.

It was in line, also, with the whole history of callous indifference to the organization of the automobile workers in general, and of the Ford workers in particular, which has characterized the history of the AFL executive council.

"Thousands of members of American Federation of Labor unions have been regularly employed by the Ford Motor Company inside its plants ever since it was established," Green said.

"None of these employees were ever discriminated against by the management of the Ford Motor Company because of membership in American Federation of Labor unions."

To put it mildly, that statement was just not true. Moreover, it was a betrayal of thousands of Ford workers at Dallas, Texas and Kansas City, Missouri, who joined the AFL back in 1936 and 1937.

**WHITEWASHES FORD**

Those workers had joined up with the AFL in those years in spite of the refusal of the executive council to organize auto workers in any effective way.

They experienced discrimination, charges and in many cases actual physical violence because they dared to join an AFL union in a Ford plant. Now Mr. Green, who did not lift a finger to encourage their organization, closes his eyes to the brutal record against them — and whitewashes Ford of the sluggings and tortures to which they were put.

The anti-union campaign of the Ford company against these AFL members was condemned in the strongest terms by the National Labor Relations Board.

Bill Green has apparently decided to forget all about these rulings by the Labor Board, to forget all about the AFL members who were hounded and beaten by Ford thugs.

While Green described the Ford labor policy in the most glowing terms, the Labor Board held less than six months ago that the treatment by the Ford company of AFL members in Dallas was simply "organized gangsterism."

The Labor Board found that an active attempt by the AFL locals to organize Ford's Dallas plant in the spring of 1937 was countered by a publicly proclaimed "war" against the union on the part of local company officials acting with the full approval of the high command at Dearborn.

Under the leadership of one "Pats" Perry the company organized an anti-union strong-arm squad. Perry admitted to the Labor Board that the purpose of this squad was "to put the fear of God" into workers who were thinking of joining the union.

**"EXTREME VIOLENCE"**

Members of the squad were supplied with blackjacks which were manufactured in the plant, with whips, lengths of hose and similar weapons.

The Labor Board declared in its decision issued on August 2, 1940, that the conduct of this squad in dealing with union members or sympathizers was marked by "extreme violence, merciless beating, and banishment from Dallas by threats of immediate bodily harm."

One of the strong-arm men on the squad testified before the Labor Board that there were "25 or 30" cases in which methods of this kind were employed.

The Labor Board ordered the Ford company in Dallas to issue instructions to its thugs forbidding them to make, store, or carry in the plant blackjacks and other dangerous weapons and to fire or "otherwise penalize severely" any company stooges who violate this order by the Board.

In addition, the Board ordered the reinstatement of two AFL members fired for union activities and declared that the company should "afford all its employees and other persons lawfully employed on its premises adequate protection at all times and about its Dallas plant from intimidation, physical assaults or threats of physical violence."

Only a few days ago, on Jan. 18, the Labor Board issued a strongly worded proposed decision attacking the discrimination by the Ford company against A. F. of L. members in the Kansas City plant.

The Labor Board found that the Ford company had discharged no less than 1,021 A. F. of L. members from this plant for union activity. It ordered the immediate reinstatement of 975 of the workers, and the reinstatement, upon application, of 46 others.

A drive by Local Union No. 348 of the UAW-AFL which started in January, 1937, resulted in a membership of 90 per cent of the eligible employees in the plant by September, according to the union records.

But two months later the company had succeeded in forcing practically all employees to join the Independent Union of Ford Workers, more commonly known as the Blue Card Union, on threat of discharge.

**WORKERS WON'T FORGET**

On September 17 Kansas City plant closed for a seasonal change of model, and the company decided to utilize this situation in order to smash the union.

The company announced on October 11 that its plant would be shut down "indefinitely," and the Blue Card Union officials publicly stated at the same time that "the plant would not reopen with the UAW and that employees could expect to return to work only through the Blue Card Union."

A short while before the plant shut down, the plant superintendent called together a group of supervisors and told them to "scatter the news" that the company was building a new plant in St. Louis and that a sizeable portion of the

Kansas City operations would be transferred there.

When the plant did reopen in November, only those workers who were willing to join the Blue Card Union were taken back. More than 1,000 workers were never taken back, because they stuck by the AFL union.

In Dallas, the Ford company used "organized gangsterism" against members of the AFL. In Kansas City it resorted to systematic intimidation and to a campaign of mass discharges.

These methods were used by Ford against AFL locals in 1937. They are being used today against the CIO as it is making the first large-scale drive to break through the Ford stronghold at Dearborn.

In his statement praising the Ford labor policy, Bill Green not only betrayed the CIO and the labor movement in general but also the workers at Dallas and Kansas City who four years ago decided to organize and join an AFL union.

These workers are not likely soon to forget Green's "stab in the back." They will perhaps come to understand that this stab is part and parcel of the entire refusal by the Green-Wool-Frey clique to organize in any effective manner in the basic industries, and in particular at the Ford Motor Corporation.

## Cleveland Auto Unionists Win Pay Increase

Raise, Vacations with Pay Follow Vote to Strike at Weatherhead Co.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 6.—After negotiations which followed a vote to strike, members of the CIO United Automobile Workers in the Weatherhead Manufacturing Company won a general wage increase of three cents an hour for 1,146 workers.

The contract was negotiated by Richard E. Reisinger, U. A. W. Regional Director, and was approved Sunday at a full meeting of Weatherhead workers.

**GET VACATIONS**

In addition to the wage increases, the contract calls for vacations with pay, from one day to two weeks based on seniority, sole bargaining rights, and individual wage adjustments for more than 300 workers. Mr. Reisinger said that the contract would be signed sometime this week.

The contract and its provisions will go into effect from December 2, 1940, when the old contract expired.

The final negotiations were made after the union found it necessary to vote for a strike to get their demands.

On January 16, the Weatherhead workers voted to walkout if the company continued its stalling tactics on negotiations. Two days later, after no change in the attitude of the company, the union met and set a date for a walkout.

Federal Conciliator David T. Roadley worked on the negotiations. The Weatherhead Company has a million dollar war contract with the government.

In a memorandum sent to all members of the Senate and Assembly at Albany, the International Labor Defense today urged defeat of the Coughlin criminal syndicalism bill, which is based on an Oklahoma statute.

The bill is directed not only at political minorities, but is aimed also at the destruction of the labor unions in the state, the memorandum said.

In a covering letter sent to the members of the state legislature, the I.L.D. said passage of the bill "would, we are convinced, be an act of contempt for the Constitution of the United States."

Copies of the memorandum, urging action to defeat the measure, were sent to the labor unions and many other organizations in the state, the I.L.D. said.

The memorandum said in part: "If enacted into law, the Coughlin bill could be used to destroy the labor unions of New York State."

"The bill is an attack upon the fundamental rights of all minorities."

"The bill imposes an unconstitutional limitation on freedom of speech and press."

## 3 Local 65 Organizers Are Arrested

Three organizers and 20 members of Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees Union, CIO, were arrested in two strikes yesterday.

At the Sterling-Butler picket line, 214 West 96th St., where Local 65 has been conducting a strike for the past 26 weeks, Business Agent MacKattis and 20 union members were arrested, and booked in Night Court, charged with interfering with an officer.

This arrest followed a peaceful mass picket line of 4,000 members of the local, on Tuesday.

Union leaders announced that another mass demonstration is called for the lunch hour today, to protest yesterday's brutal police attack against the pickets.

Two organizers of Local 65, Eddie Robinson and Mack Solomon, were arrested yesterday in front of the National Conlaine Company, at 30-01 Revere Avenue, Long Island City, where 285 union members have been on strike since Monday morning.

The union demands reinstatement of workers fired for union activities, and the working conditions that it has won in 18 other corrugated paper warehouses in New York City.

**Furniture Local to Install New Officers**

NEWARK, Feb. 5.—A membership meeting of the Furniture, Bedding and Allied Trades Union, Local 92, CIO, will be held Thursday, 8 P. M., at union headquarters, 180 William St., to install the newly elected officers. International President, Morris Muster, will be present to install the officers and also deliver a talk on the progress of the furniture workers in the CIO.

The best defense of this State lies in a budget openly arrived at after full and honest discussion. Such a budget must be one which frankly cuts out extravagance and graft, which is sensitive to the needs of the people and which places the tax burden upon those who are best able to pay."

Apparently flooded with requests from various interested groups for

movement, and a nation-wide drive to destroy the hard-won rights of labor, could only be a signal for its use against all minorities popular with the administration, and upon the labor unions.

"Under court decision in many states, the mere advocacy of unionization could be held in this Act. It must be remembered that in practice this is largely a question decided by juries. In an atmosphere of war hysteria, all a prosecutor might have to do would be to make the charge against a union or union leader, to have a jury—particularly the type of jury chosen under New York's Blue Ribbon selective system—agree with him. Such a finding of fact by a jury would have little chance of even obtaining a review in the higher courts."

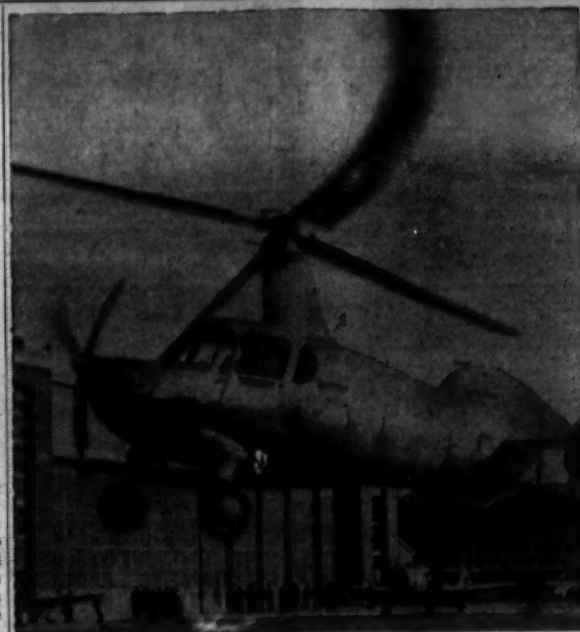
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**New Type of Autogiro:** This new type of autogiro, shown taking off during a flight at Bolling Field, Washington, is being studied by officers of the United States Army Air Corps. The gyro, able to hover in the air and to land in limited spaces, would be valuable in reconnaissance flights and behind-the-lines messenger service.

## Dodd Demands Public Hearing on Budget

Hits Lehman's Proposal to Slash Social Services Under 'Defense' Cloak

(Continued from Page 1)

tend and participate in the hearings of February 12th.

"There are items in the Governor's proposed budget which are calculated to alarm and disturb many citizens. The proposal to cut State aid to education by two per cent is opposed by a vast majority of the people of this State, who are convinced that full State aid must be given in order to relieve local taxation and to maintain adequate educational standards. Throughout this State various communities have been compelled to make drastic economies because of the ten million dollar cut made in 1939 and the two million dollar cut made in 1940."

"Many citizens are appalled by the Governor's proposal to cut nine million dollars from the services of the State to the people, and at the same time, to give a rebate of twenty-one million dollars to those who are best able to bear taxation. We note with alarm that the Governor's budget is planless. It makes no provision for the effects of inflation and the inevitable depression which follows a war economy boom."

"We note that the Governor makes no attempt to restore the tax on speculative profits equal to the tax on earned incomes. At a time when stock markets encourage speculation and gambling, the Governor makes no attempt to restore the capital gains tax to the full seven per cent rather than the present three and one half per cent."

**WANT FREE DISCUSSION**

"For these and other reasons we feel that it is imperative that full and free discussion be had on the budget. We must not allow the budget to be railroaded through under the illusion that both parties are unanimous in support of it. Nor must we allow social services to be slashed under the spurious smoke screen of national defense."

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# Chalmers Strikers Get Backing of CIO Auto Locals

Negotiations Remain Deadlocked as Auto Locals of Three States Meet and Pledge Full Support; Strikers Solid, Company Obstinate

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 5.—With negotiations in the strike of 7,000 Allis-Chalmers workers still deadlocked, the strikers received a pledge of full support at the tri-state conference of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, which met here.

The delegates at the conference heard a report on the strike from UAW President R. J. Thomas and regional UAW director George Nordstrom.

Mngr. Francis J. Haas, special U. S. conciliator and Thomas Burns, a representative of Sidney Hillman, were back at Washington today, declaring that they plan to confer with U. S. Director of Conciliation Service John R. Steelman.

There is some talk here of transferring further conferences on the strike to Washington so Army and Navy representatives, interested in the war contracts now held up by the strike, would join the talks.

**COMPANY OBSTINATE**

In the meantime, strike ranks remained solid and production at a complete standstill. A rousing strikers meeting packed the auditorium at State Fair Park of West Allis Monday morning to hear President Harold Christoffel of Local 248, UAW, report on the talks held up to that date.

He reported that the company obstinately refuses to budge on any of the union demands.

Thomas, who left the conference Saturday, said at Detroit today that "the major hurdle is to find some contractual way to protect our union in that plant. We are just trying to figure out any way that our union could have protection from attempts to destroy it."

In addition to Christoffel, speakers at the strikers meeting included Ed Hall, International UAW representative, here; Meyer Adelman, district director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and Nathan Garfield, chairman of the organizing drive of the Milwaukee CIO Council.

Herbert Nagel, one of the two delegates who represented the Allis-Chalmers union at the recent working conference of the American Peace Mobilization at Washington, gave a report on the APM's plans for a national drive against the Lend-Lease Bill.

**CIO Plans Mass Delegation to Albany**

From five to ten thousand members of CIO unions from throughout New York state will converge on Albany Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12th, to conduct a mass protest against a number of union-busting legislative proposals and cuts in relief, education and other social service appropriations projected in the Governor's proposed budget, according to plans to be placed before a meeting of delegates to the CIO Greater New York Industrial Union Council at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave., tonight.

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## Olympia State Leaders Call Labor Parley

25 House, Senate Members Issue Call for Meeting on Legislation

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OLYMPIA, Feb. 5.—Twenty-five members of the House and Senate of the Washington State Legislature issued a plea to labor, farm, pension and other progressive groups to participate in the Washington Commonwealth Federation convention and People's Legislative Conference to be held in Moose Temple Feb. 15 and 16.

"Never in recent years have the people of the state of Washington faced such grave problems as they do today," the liberal bloc declared.

"We feel it is essential that the legislature find solutions to these problems which will effect that desire for continued social progress which the voters have decisively expressed in connection with the initiative measures on the November ballot."

**SPEED UNITY**

"We hope that this Conference, by furnishing a clear definition of the legislative aims of labor and progressive groups, will make a serious contribution toward peace and progress for our state."

The legislative bloc acted to speed unity of progressives after the steamroller of reactionaries had dealt a body blow to representative government by barring a duly-elected senator Lenus Westman, and were preparing to stampede the legislature with sweeping anti-labor bills.

"Grave danger during the legislative session is that, the name of national defense against Hitlerism, the powerful anti-democratic, interests will deprive the people of all protective legislation, nullify our democratic institutions, militarize and Hitlerize our country and drive us to war," Hugh DeLacy, president of the Washington Commonwealth Federation warned, in urging a united program to combat the threat.

**Relief Rolls Increase in Phila. as WPA Is Cut**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 5.—For the third week running of the Pennsylvania relief rolls reported an increase in persons added.

Five thousand persons were added to the direct relief numbers bringing the total of those receiving state assistance to 374,470 persons. The reported reason given for this by the State Administration is the continued decline of WPA employment, and the adverse effect of private industry and business."

**Home Valuation Hearing Here at City Hall, Feb. 13**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—State Senator William Bewley, Lockport Republican announced that the Joint Legislative Committee on Assessment, of which he is chairman will hold a public hearing in New York City Hall Thursday evening, Feb. 13, at 8 P. M.

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**Cannons Ride a Donkey:** Army mules are put to work at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where the 88th Field Artillery trains. In top picture a 75-mm. howitzer is dismantled and the sections of the gun loaded on one of six mules. Each animal carries 300 pounds. Other picture shows the howitzer reassembled and ready for firing.

## Meat Prices Skyrocket, City Admits

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000 in 1939, an increase of 1,176 per cent!

Pointing to the evidence of growing underconsumption of meat, she urged housewives to bring pressure "all along the line to stop the outrageous attacks upon the health and pocketbooks of their families."

"We are now facing new price rises such as consumers have not yet known," she declared. "The United States Department of Agriculture says the supply of frozen and cured meat is higher priced now than at any time in the last five years. While pork costs the housewives more, the farmer is getting less and less for hogs 'on the hoof.'"

"These prices are in the name of national defense! We women of the American Peace Mobilization believe that national defense begins at home. American people need adequate food for defense against undernourishment and disease."

"Housewives must bring all pressure to stop these outrageous attacks against the health and pocketbooks of their families. They must protest to their own retailers. By letter and delegation they should protest to the New York City Department of Markets and the New York State Department of Agriculture, which is charged with the task of investigating unlawful combination to fix prices."

Mrs. Watson also urged the public to make their resentment known to Harriet Elliot, consumer member of the National Advisory Commission, who yesterday admitted that consumers all over the country are becoming angry as they face the necessity for using meat substitutes.



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## Italians Flee British Push In East Africa

CAIRO, Feb. 5 (UP).—Italy's dis-

membered army of Libya tonight

was reported falling back "with increasing speed" upon the strong-

hold of Benghazi under heavy aerial assaults and a sweep of British mechanized units that engulfed its stragglers.

In East Africa Britain's empire forces smashed deeper into Italy's colonial empire on four fronts, driving to within 35 miles of the British capital of Asmara after already seizing about one-fifth of the territory of the Red Sea colony.

British advance forces in Libya have pushed on well beyond captured Cirene near the coast toward Barce, 60 miles westward and about 75 miles from Benghazi where Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's Italian troops are expected to attempt a stand in defense of Western Libya.

The British double-pronged invasion of Eritrea is "developing successfully" with one Italian force of about 6,500 men—having lost 1,500 prisoners and several hundred killed—fleeing eastward from Barentu and Biacundi under "heavy pressure" and "leaving all routes littered with gear, war materials and vehicles."

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## Communists In Cuba Back Pres. Batista

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fluence of the forces of progress" and concludes by calling for the defense of the Constitution and popular rights.

**SPEAKS TO PEOPLE**

After putting down the conspiracy headed by the military chiefs, President Batista addressed the crowds of Cuban people who gathered in front of the Palace in greater numbers than when they had acclaimed him President, declaring that he had acted "to protect the constitution and democratic rights" of the people and in defense of "work, culture and the interests of the people."

For many hours the country had gone through an intense crisis which was ended through the calm, energetic action of Batista. Knowing of the imminent coup, Batista went to the General Army Barracks at Camp Colombia where the main garrison is situated, took command of the armed forces and dismissed Pedraza as Chief of the Army and Gonzales as Chief of the Navy. At approximately the same time a few other lower-rank officials were also arrested at dawn yesterday. According to reports, most of the dismissed officials are in Miami, although Batista offered them "all guarantees to which they are entitled" here.

Complete order reigned throughout the Republic while Batista's instructions from the General Barracks were carried out. At present it is considered that all danger to the Republic has been eliminated.

New officers have been appointed for the Army, Navy and police.

Yesterday morning President Batista addressed the people and the army in a very sympathetic atmosphere exposing the activities of the disloyal military chiefs as part of a reactionary plot "endangering the existence of the Republic as a sovereign nation." Spontaneously yesterday afternoon a large crowd arrived to hear Batista pledge that "your interests, your rights, men and women of the people, are guaranteed."

**BATISTA RESTORES CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES**

HAVANA, Feb. 5 (UP).—President Fulgencio Batista restored all constitutional guarantees which he had suspended Monday and convoked a joint session of Congress tonight to ratify the extraordinary measures he took to "meet an exceptional situation."

The decree added that Congress would be convoked in joint session at 6 P.M. "in order to determine whether or not to ratify the extraordinary measures of the government took to meet an exceptional situation."

**CAUSE ELIMINATED**

Constitutional guarantees were reestablished because "there does not exist a single cause now that might create unrest," the decree said.

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**Liner Freed from Florida Sand-Bar:** After being trapped on a sand-bar off the Florida shore, near Palm Beach, since January 12, the luxury United States liner Manhatan is shown floating free when the task of dragging her into deep water was finally completed. A U. S. Coast Guard cutter is shown at left. The liner, which was on a cruise from New York to California when the accident occurred, sails back to New York.

## 10 Perish in New Haven Defense Plant

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the building watching the fire "for about 30 minutes before he realized that some of the men were still in the building," he added.

He said three employees jumped into a rear yard of the plant from a third story window. They were taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

There were between 75 and 80 persons in the building when the fire started. The company, engaged on national defense orders since last summer, employs about 300 and has been operating three shifts, 24 hours a day.

No estimate was made of the loss. Assistant Fire Chief Frank Spain was severely injured by flying glass. All of the dead and the other injured were employees.

Separate investigations were begun by police, the Fire Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI inquiry, it was explained, was routine in view of the company's engagement on government work.

[Five workers in the Bennett Brothers box factory in Brooklyn perished in a fire there on January 14 when a five gallon can of paint exploded in flames and the workers were trapped in the blazing flimsy structure. One worker severely burned died later in the hospital.]

The Bennett was running in three speed-up shifts to produce Army orders for "locker" boxes which soldiers use to carry personal belongings.]

**Petalin Offers To Quit Post**

VICHY, Feb. 5 (UP).—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain tonight offered to surrender his direct control of the French government to Admiral Francois Darlan in a compromise with Pierre Laval's demand that he be installed as premier over a Vichy regime hand-picked by him.

President Roosevelt has been handing out, Murray declared that it was "easy to say that of course this far-reaching authority is not contemplated under the proposed legislation."

He pointed out that "where the rights of patent holders are affected, a specific provision is incorporated protecting these rights."

"From this it might easily be argued that the rights of any other private parties, whether they be of labor or other groups, may be set aside there deemed necessary for the successful prosecution of the authority granted under the proposed bill."

The CIO president took the position that it is "essential that in connection with any legislation, to be initiated by Congress to guide the foreign affairs of this nation there be incorporated a forthright and unequivocal declaration that the policies of the government must guarantee the protection of the democratic rights of labor and of all the people of the nation."

He said that it was, therefore, necessary for the CIO to "take into account" other legislative measures which are being proposed at the same time under the guise that they are necessary to further the foreign policy program.

"I have reference to the clamor which is made by a few vociferous Congressmen demanding that the right of labor be curtailed or eliminated as an essential part of a national defense program," Murray said. "I know of no more fatal mistake that can be made than such action."

"Labor must necessarily look askance at any program under which it is urged that for its successful prosecution the rights of labor must be destroyed. This is precisely what is being proposed under the bills that have been submitted by several Congressmen at this session of Congress."

"National defense must include the protection and existence of the economic and political gains of the people of the nation. It is on this basis that the support of the people has been solicited and is forthcoming."

Murray pointed that despite statements by the President to the effect that he is opposed to convoking the "present bill does not forbid convocations."

"In addition," Murray continued, "the Secretary of War, Mr. Stimson, testifying before the committee, has stated that he is opposed to a provision which would forbid convocations."

"These inconsistent statements merely produce confusion and alarm. I believe that there must be unequivocal opposition to American convocations into the war zones. This matter should not be left to administrative determination but should be clearly prohibited by Congress."

Continuing his criticism of contradictory testimony by administration officials before the Congressional committees considering the bill, Murray said:

"The hearings before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and this committee have not produced an abundance of facts either regarding the situation in Great Britain or regarding the policies which

## Harvester Strike May Spread to Richmond, Ind.

**Company Stalling Causes Recess in Parley; U.S. Conciliator Returns to Washington As Strikers Remain Solid**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 5.—Company stalling forced a recess in the negotiations in the strike at the International Harvester Tractor Works plant here today.

Meanwhile, as U. S. Conciliator David Roadley left for Washington to consult with officials there, the union declared that "if pressure is to be brought, it should be brought on the company which is showing no signs of bargaining in good faith."

Meanwhile, a strike vote will be taken at the Richmond, Ind., IHC plant on Friday and Saturday. The Richmond local has taken the lead in contractual steps in negotiating before a strike action be taken. The few concessions offered by the management were declared unsatisfactory by the union and "the only thing left for us is to prepare for a strike." There are 1,500 workers in the Richmond plant.

While the strike front gathered strength today, it was announced that the CIO Farm Equipment Union had won a smashing victory in a Labor Board election at the Laplante-Chaste Farm Implement plant in Cedar Rapids. The vote was 278 for the CIO and 81 for the AFL machinists.

Meanwhile, leaders of the McCormick and West Pullman works locals at the International Harvester plants declared that they were "ready for strike" unless the company changed its arbitrary position. Sentiment among the workers strongly favored a showdown with the IHC management at these plants made an effort to cash in on the militant sentiment among the workers by issuing their "demands," which are almost identical with the demands raised by the CIO union.

However, the workers were signing up in the CIO by the hundreds in these plants this week, preparing for a walkout which may be called soon.

"Roughly," he said, "they are but one-tenth of the concentration of similar fumes on a city street, according to the bureau of mines."

This would be the case, Shortridge added, as far as the nearest tunneling shaft was concerned, No. 1 Broadway. In buildings further removed from the shaft concentration would be even less.

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## Sign Contract for Spain Rescue Ship

**Mexican Government Has Agreed to Accept Spanish Refugees, Barsky Declares—450 to Sail on First Trip**

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ing his government's pledge to admit the refugees.

The Mexican government's wire, addressed to Barsky was dated Jan. 23, and read as follows:

"Your telegram of the fifth of January to the President of the Republic (Manuel Avila Camacho) in which you speak of the efforts of your Committee to transport Spanish refugees who are in France has been transmitted to his secretariat."

"I should like to say that the Government of Mexico looks with pleasure on every effort toward saving the political refugees in France and will cooperate in work to the degree that our resources permit."

"Be assured of my distinguished consideration."

**ERNESTO HIDALGO,**  
Department of Foreign Affairs.

Who will select the ship's passengers from the 8,000 to 10,000 Spanish refugees at Casablanca, asked a news agency reporter.

"The Mexican government will select them," said Dr. Barsky. \$25,000 Paid

The reporter asked next if there had been any agreement as to the types of refugees to be taken.

"That also," said Dr. Barsky, "is up to the Mexican government." The Mexican government, he said, will decide what types of professionals or mechanics or other categories of refugees.

Asked by the same reporter if the politics of the refugees would affect their selection Dr. Barsky answered again that the Mexican government had sole discretion in the passenger's election.

A Mexican government agent will be at Casablanca when the ship sails, he said, and he added that he hoped some Mexican representatives would accompany the ship from New York.

Some 8,000 Spanish refugees have already found homes in Mexico, said another Spanish Aid representative at the press conference.

Dr. Barsky showed reporters photostat copies of a check for \$25,000, paid to the "Compania Centro-Americana de Navegacion" on Jan. 31 this year to bind negotiations. The final contract was signed yesterday.

Cost per passenger will average about \$241 on the first trip, said Dr. Barsky. The company charges a total of \$90,000 for the first 300 refugees, with a reduced rate of \$125 for each of the next 150.

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Operating costs, insurance, reconditioning, etc., bring the total cost of the first voyage up to about \$130,000. Of this amount some \$25,000 goes for reconditioning, \$9,000 for insurance and \$12,500 for contingencies and administration.

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## Jerome King Sentenced for Manslaughter

Foe of NMU and Agent of Dies Gets 2-10 Years in Seaman's Killing

Jerome (Madieros) King, killer and agent of the shipowners who was expelled from the National Maritime Union, CIO, received nearly the minimum sentence that could be imposed on him Tuesday in General Sessions for his part in the brutal slaying of Bruce Cameron, NMU member who was kicked to death on the waterfront Sept. 17.

King, like William McCullison, another spy of the shipowners who was recently acquitted of the murder of Phillip Carey in New Orleans, received the hearty support of the Dies Committee during his trial.

Convicted six weeks ago of first degree manslaughter in Cameron's death, King was sentenced to two and one half to ten years in Sing Sing Prison by Judge James G. Wallace.

With King were Thomas Harmon, 36, 476 W. 22nd St., and James Costello, 30, 428 West 23rd St. But they received sentences of five to 15 years from Judge Wallace.

Leading those who testified for King as character witnesses during his trial was Stephen W. Birmingham, chief investigator of the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities, the infamous Dies Committee.

It was brought out in the testimony that King had been "helpful" to the authorities in furnishing information concerning the NMU.

King, whose deals with thieves who plundered the NMU treasury, labor spies and shipowners who tried to smash the union during a baseball-bat drive in which notorious waterfront goons were employed, described himself during the trial as the leader of the "anti-Communist" faction within the union.

On the night Cameron was killed to death King was on the waterfront and also on the receiving end of a dispute with a seaman. He left the waterfront and rounded up his partners Harmon and Costello, possibly another goon who was not arrested, and returned to renew hostilities.

Cameron had not been involved in the first fight, but King and his gang attacked him. Cameron, an autopsy showed, died of a broken neck and evidence was introduced in the trial to show that King had jumped on the victim's neck after he had been knocked down.

**Wis. Unions Push Campaign Against War Bill**

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MILWAUKEE, Feb. 5.—The Wisconsin labor movement continues to voice opposition to the Lend-Lease Bill. The Seaman Body Local No. 75, United Automobile Workers, voted overwhelmingly against the bill. The Racine legislative committee of the CIO auto unions likewise declared against the bill as have the Garage Mechanics Union, and the Massey-Harris locals.

On Sunday the regional council of the UAW, embracing Wisconsin, Minnesota, and northern Illinois, went on record against the Lend-Lease Bill with only two votes dissenting. The conference of legislative committees of the Milwaukee County CIO unions last Sunday also went on record against the bill.

In addition, the CIO county legislative conference declared itself against the bill to introduce compulsory military training in the University of Wisconsin and in support of the bill introduced by Assemblyman Berquist to repeal the reactionary Labor Relations Act passed by the last legislature.

**Household Corner**  
Practically everybody has boiled eggs at least once or twice in a lifetime. Nearly all mothers cook eggs for their children every day, if they can afford to. Yet the person who knows how to boil an egg is fairly rare. The reason, probably, is that the process seems such an easy one—like boiling water, almost—that nobody bothers to learn how it should be done.

To boil eggs scientifically is worth the pains. They will be more tender and taste better, besides being easier to digest.

The first thing to remember is the importance of a slow, constant temperature. If you remember this rule, the whites will come out smooth as custard, instead of tough or stringy. So, to get a boiled egg just right, the idea is not to boil it at all, but to cook it just under the boiling point, or better yet, to put it in water just under the boiling point and let it congeal for about seven minutes as the water cools, that is to "coodle" it.

To cook an egg hard, put it in cold water, and heat till the water is just under the boiling point. Let it cook at this temperature for 30



**22 Injured in Denver Locomotive Explosion:** The twisted wreckage of a railroad car and the large Denver and Rio Grande Western R. R. locomotive which exploded here today pictured in the railroad yard. This is a Wired Photo.

## Social Laws Parley Called In Wisconsin

4th Annual Legislative Conference to Be Held on Feb. 22

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 5.—Emphasizing the need for action to prevent passage of bills now before Congress which would restrict the rights of trade unions and plunge the nation into the imperialist war, the Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation issued a call today for its fourth annual session.

The meetings are to start Feb. 22 in the Park Hotel, Madison. "The conference will provide an opportunity for discussion, information and education on legislation and the planning of a legislative program that will represent the needs of the people of Wisconsin, the peace of the American people, aid to the farmers, defense and improvement of the economic and social gains won by labor, youth and the unemployed," says the call.

**REV. KNOX TO SPEAK**

The purpose of the conference is to organize protests against "legislation now before Congress and the state legislature that would place our country on a complete war basis, remove the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, outlaw labor's right to strike and to organize, militarize the youth and increase the heavy burden of taxation on the common people."

Rev. Owen A. Knox, chairman of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, will make the opening address. Assemblyman Henry J. Berquist will preside.

## Foster to Speak At Philadelphia Lenin Memorial

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Feb. 5.—Philip Frankford, state secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania heads the list of local speakers who will address the Lenin-Lincoln-Douglas Memorial here on February 17th.

The rally, a mass demonstration by the people of this city for peace, jobs and security will be held in the 10,000 seated-Market Street Arena, 45th and Market Street.

William Z. Foster, national Chairman of the Communist Party will be the principal speaker.

Laura Duncan, famous Negro soprano will sing; the Choiristers, directed by Malcolm Pindexter will perform and the Peoples' Dance Group will appear in a well rounded program of entertainment.

## South Dakota Calls on Congress to Aid Farmers

State Legislature Urges Federal Laws to Protect Farmers from Chaotic Conditions Caused by War; Charge Farm Laws Neglected

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 5.—The State Senate and House of this agricultural state have called formally on the Congress of the United States for federal legislation which will give to farmers a cost-plus price for their products.

The demand is embodied in a "Concurrent Resolution" that uses language stronger than any heard from an official state body since the days of the "mortgage moratorium" demonstrations in the Middle West.

"Whereas, we recognize that the American farmer is entitled to the full extent of his ability to supply that market on a cost-of-production basis, but the stubborn fact remains that the sum total of agricultural legislation up to the present time has brought neither parity prices nor parity income to our agriculture," says the resolution.

The two State houses go on to say: "And now we are menaced by a

## Big Cleveland Delegation To Go to Youth Parley

AFL-CIO Unions, Church Groups, Y's, Among Organizations Backing American Youth Congress Town Hall Meeting

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 5.—Last minute reports today from the Cleveland City Council of Youth show that a delegation of 100 representatives from A. F. of L. and C. I. O. trade unions, neighborhood clubs, Y's and church groups, will go from here to the American Youth Congress Town Hall meeting in Washington, D. C., Feb. 7, 8 and 9th to stop the passage of the war dictatorship "lend-lease" bill.

The Cleveland Youth Council also received notice from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, that 35 students would go from there to the Town meeting.

Word has been received that similar delegations to Town Hall were being elected in Columbus, Toledo, Cincinnati, Akron and Youngstown.

**OTHERS REPRESENTED**

Cars and buses will be used to carry the Cleveland delegates to Washington. The delegates come from various organizations as a partial listing shows: 3 locals of the United, Electrical and Machine Workers (CIO), Cleveland Industrial Union Council (CIO), Cleveland College divisions, Glenville Youth Council, Furniture Workers' Union (CIO), Warehousemen's

Union, United Mine Workers, East End Community House, Painters Union (AFL), Die Casters Union, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Young Fraternalists, YWCA, Cleveland Youth Council, 3 locals of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), Current Events Club and the Cuyahoga County Christian Youth Council.

The slogan of the delegation is "Defeat H. R. 1776 in the spirit of 1776."

**Eden, Hopkins Confer**

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Harry L. Hopkins, personal observer for President Roosevelt, today called on Secretary Anthony Eden at the foreign office. This was believed to have been Hopkins' farewell conversation with Eden.



Here's the same girl in two moods—clothes make the difference. The Scotch plaid street dress on the left has a flattering hint of spring in the white plique collar and cuffs. The dress is bias-cut, of red, black, grey and white. Lounging ensemble on the right has trousers, sleeves and back of navy blue silk. The zippered front is white, patterned with navy braid. Both are modeled by radio star Lucille Ball.

## Jury Sworn In In Anti-Trust Case on A.M.A.

One Negro on Jury to Try Medical Ass'n Under Sherman Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UP).—

Federal Judge James M. Proctor today swore in a jury of 10 men and two women, one of them a Negro, to weigh the government's charge that the American Medical Association, some of its officers and associated organizations, violated anti-trust statutes.

After nearly three hours of questioning and challenging, government prosecutor John Henry Lewis and chief counsel for the AMA, Edward N. Burke, expressed satisfaction with the panel of 12 selected.

All but one of the 30 accused doctors, among them some of the most noted in the country, sat through the preliminary proceedings.

Judge Proctor, after the swearing in, announced a 45-minute recess before selecting two alternate jurors.

Burke, at the opening of court, attempted to make a motion to expunge certain portions of the indictment but Judge Proctor refused to entertain the motion until the jurors were selected.

The motion, if granted, would eliminate from the indictment many passages which the grand jury inserted as background for the purported conspiracy to violate the Sherman Act.

## CIO Forms New Firemen's Union

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Feb. 5.—Robert Weinstein, secretary-treasurer of District 2 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, this week announced the formation of a new C. I. O. union for Philadelphia firemen.

The local will be called the Firemen's Association, Local 282 of the SCMW.

In announcing the formation of the union of city employees, Weinstein declared: "This local was formed in order to promote general harmony in the fire department and to insure a maximum of efficiency to the Philadelphia taxpayer."

"This is a rank and file union which will serve the interests of all the members of the fire department. The organization is an outgrowth of the desire of many men in the fire department to affiliate with the Congress of Industrial Organizations."

**Bomb Scare a Dud**

The city's newest bomb scare blew up yesterday. Police were called yesterday when a suspicious-looking black bag was found in the Consolidated-Edison Co., 15th St. and Irving Place. Police doused the bag in a drum of oil, and on inspection found it contained basketball shoes, trunks, jersey and other equipment.

## Mrs. FDR Here; 35 Cops Follow in Her Trail

A squad of twenty-five uniformed patrolmen and 10 detectives who accompanied Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday to her meeting with the Leviton Manufacturing Co. strikers were ordered out by Chairman Hamilton H. Boarch—and they marched out amidst hisses from the workers.

Boarch declared from the platform that the President's wife is addressing a "private meeting" and needs neither "pomp" nor "protection."

The meeting took place at New National Hall-Driggs Ave. and Bedford, six blocks from the huge plant where for 24 weeks the 1,500 strikers have been picketing in face of a flat refusal of the employers to sign a union contract.

Affection for policemen cooled considerably during the 24 weeks because at times as many as 200 would be on hand to form a gauntlet through which two buses, windows covered with wire grating, would bring in and carry out strike-breakers.

When the uniformed police entered the hall mutterings came

## Now They Admit Nation's Kids Are in Poor Health

McCall Magazine, After Years of Silence of Plight of Country's 'One-Third,' Now Wants to Fatten Them Up for Wall Street's 'Defense' Purposes

By Sally Manners

Rarely does one of the women's magazines let down its hair and admit of a world not pictured between its glossy pages. In the arena of women's publications, the outlook of every woman, young and old, at work or at leisure, is purported to be one of juicy recipes, refined romance, helpful hints, luxurious homes or advice to the lovelorn. The hot and cold of worldly experience is a blank page to the women readers as far as the editors are concerned. To them, American women live in the comfortable dream world of their husbands' substantial salaries. If there are women who fall to fall into this category, they just don't count.

And because this theme is so far from the exact, we occasionally find a horrible, but truthful fact tucked in somewhere between a recipe divided to water the mouth of a glutton and a reproduction of one of Mrs. Harrison Williams' thousand dollar gowns.

In the current issue of McCall, the editors have declared their intention to serve the defense program by serving up the women and children first. Taking up the cudgels for the youth of this land, the editors present some hair-raising facts but never admit that the children of the land, the 45,000,000 of them, are the original one-third of a nation, ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clothed.

McCall blithely reports that ten million children have defective eyesight. . . . More than a million and a half school children have faulty hearing. . . . Two-thirds of all our children need dental care. . . . Nearly a million children of elementary age are not in school today. . . . In twenty-five states, the counties with the most children have the lowest living standards and the least money to spend on schools. . . . Three out of four babies in tenements have rickets from lack of sunshine, clean air and faulty diet.

**PLATTITUDES DON'T CARE**

And what does McCall propose to do about it. Nothing, other than to fatten up our children with sugary platitudes and feed them to the defense plan witch. After that, it will continue printing its juicy recipes of turkey dumplings and lemon meringues.

The welfare of a nation is judged by the little things about the common people. In this great land of plenty of empty stomachs, McCall is proud to report that one in every five owns a car or truck; every seventh person has a telephone, every fifth, a radio which would make it appear at first glance that Americans are a chosen people. What McCall fails to mention, however, is that even the Jews must have something that rolls on four wheels in order to find work and that the Vanderbilts have as many as a thousand personal telephones. When an accurate accounting is made, the great bulk of the people are without cars or telephones they can call their own.

The magazine reports that 65 per cent of our population is unable to afford medical care. Every year 35,000 children are left motherless when 10,000 women die needlessly in childbirth and from diseases due to pregnancy. Every year 128,000 tiny coffins are used, more than half of them for infants between the ages of two and twelve months. Every year 75,000 babies are still-born and 70,000 die before they are a month old.

Diphtheria, malaria and smallpox can be reduced successfully to a minimum, yet 140,000 die of these scourges each year. These young lives 'have been spared but close to twenty million children are without medical services.

In the most advanced country in the world, we treat our children

## Fur Council Calls Members To Hear Report

Negotiators to Report on Conferences With the Employers

The Furriers' Joint Council set a general membership meeting of all fur workers engaged in the manufacturing next Monday 5 P.M. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. & Eighth Ave., to hear a report on negotiations.

Conferences between the union and manufacturers have been on during the week every day and are expected to continue.

The union's leaflet, calling the membership meeting, declared that "to date the bosses have not taken a single step in the direction of reaching a peaceful settlement."

"The bosses insist on their unlimited right to discharge workers after the season," continues the leaflet. "They refuse to recognize the demands of the union to introduce a system of responsibility towards the workers, a system which has been recognized as the only human, practical one in every industry."

"Will the bosses really force a lockout on the industry?" asks the union's call.

"Will the bosses really force a strike on the union?" At the Manhattan Center meeting, says the union's call "the members of the bosses will be made clear, and all plans to meet every possible development will be worked out."

The principal demand of the union and No. 1 on the list of 18, is "no discharge for the life of the contract." At present the employers have a right to hire and rehire as they please between seasons.

The present pact covering 13,000 in the four main manufacturing crafts, expires Feb. 15.

## Brief Strike at Radio Plant Brings Results

A stoppage of an hour and a half halted production at the Lafayette Radio Co., 100 St. Ave., yesterday morning, when the company refused to meet a committee of Local 420, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers CIO. Work by the 200 workers was resumed when the company agreed to negotiate a pact.

**HEAR Paul Robeson SUNDAY, FEB. 23rd I.W.O. Fiesta SEE FEATURE PAGE 7**

## Out Today

## MEN WHO BOSS HITLER

by G. S. Jackson

A detailed, thoroughly documented analysis of German capitalism showing how it has strengthened its throttle-hold on German economy. This article traces the centralization and concentration of capital under the fascist dictatorship and exposes the forces behind the Nazi political bureaucracy.

## ON PUBLISHING A BOOK

by Dalton Trumbo

An exchange of letters between the author of "Johnny Got His Gun" and his publishers about the publication of his new book, "The Remarkable Andrew." This unusual feature deals with the question of whether an author should pull his punches in order to avoid the sales-killing jabs of disapproving critics.

## WHO MURDERED METAXAS?

by D. Christophorides

## NEW MASSES

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# Defeat the Schemes to Reduce Your Standard of Living

"The government must adopt a money policy which will effectively reduce the standard of living of the individual American citizen if the defense program is to be financed without inflation," according to O. M. W. Sprague, retiring as Professor of Banking and Finance in the Harvard Business School, former adviser to the Bank of England and to the United States Treasury.—News Item, New York Times, Feb. 5.

Through the mouths of professors, Big Business lets out the truth about its plans

for the milking of the people. The worthy "former adviser to the Bank of England" says that if there is not "orderly reduction in the standard of living" there will be disorderly reduction through "inflation."

This is a bald declaration that the "defense" program is to be financed at the cost of the people. The enormous profits piled up by the corporations and the enormous re-

serves already in existence are to be untouched. Through taxes and attempted wage cuts, the costs of "defense" are to be taken out of the hides of the workers.

What Professor Sprague says in one way, Mrs. Roosevelt hastens to broadcast in another. Speaking Tuesday to the National Christian Mission in Washington, she recommended that the workers put their "wage

risers" into "defense financing." This she gave as an example of "long-range thinking."

The real thinking that the workers can do, both short-range and long-range, is along the lines of expressing their determination that Big Business shall be taxed heavily and that the workers shall not be the victims of wage-cutting or tax-bearing. They can also realize, out of such utterances as those of

Sprague and Mrs. Roosevelt, that the entire "defense" program has for its objective—as this paper has said over and over again—to beat down the living standards of the people.

Movements on a wider scale, to win better wages and conditions and thus offset the rising cost of living, are the replies that the workers can fling back at these schemes to reduce their living standards.

## Proper Reply to Green's Try at Union-Smashing

CIO officials in charge of the Ford organizing campaign have given the proper reply to the splitting move of William Green.

They have intensified their drive, and have signaled this step by a further letter to the corporation insisting upon collective bargaining rights for the CIO—based upon membership of the majority of the employees in the Dearborn, Lincoln and Highland Park plants.

That is the real way to meet the strike-breaking of Mr. Green—with a continued dynamic campaign which likewise brings forward the economic demands of the Ford workers.

What the AFL officialdom is trying to pull off in this case is nothing new. When the big steel organizing campaign got under way, under CIO auspices, John Frey of the AFL Metal Trades Department made a flying trip to Pittsburgh to "take in" the defunct company union of the United States Steel Corporation. In the critical hours of the General Motors crisis in 1938, it was William Green who sought to defeat the workers with his flingings behind the scenes with the GM management.

Time after time, in the basic industries, the AFL officials have sought to perform the service of company personnel men—seeking to create confusion in the ranks of the workers as the CIO drives demonstrated their success.

What effect could Bill Green expect to have in his sudden interest in the Ford workers except to divide the workers and defeat all unionism in Ford's? The AFL officialdom has never demonstrated one serious iota of interest in organizing the plants of the baron of Dearborn. It is only after the CIO has shown that it has won the majority of the men in those plants that Green pops into the picture, with his preposterous claim that the AFL should represent the men and with his false statements in praise of the strike-breaking and slugging Ford concern. Green's is an attempt at union-smashing and nothing else.

The Ford workers are not unaware of these things. They will proceed to enroll themselves in that union which has fought their battles and which has demonstrated its strength in the automobile industry. The CIO itself, understanding this full well, can be encouraged to spur on its drive. The complete organization of Ford's, under its banner, will be one of the greatest victories that organized labor has ever won in this country.

## The 'No-But' Opposition to H.R. 1776

Knowing that the people do not want the war and dictatorship of H.R. 1776, a certain group of persons is pretending that they are opposed to the measure. Actually, there is an easy way to see through this false opposition. No matter how much they say they don't like Roosevelt's bill, they all say "we are in favor" of course, of all aid to Britain short of war."

This is what the Republican minority declared in the House Committee the other day. This is what the Landon Republicans out in the State legislature of Kansas said. There are many other examples. Norman Thomas, for example. "Ham" Fish, and others.

But this is the crucial point. The war-dictatorship Bill is the outgrowth of the "aid-to-Britain" policy. The aid-to-Britain policy is based on the theory that the American people have a stake in war between the British empire and its imperialist rival, Hitler Germany. (As if the welfare of the working people can be advanced by choosing this or that division of colonial plunder, instead of fighting all colonial oppression).

Once this false propaganda is accepted, then the whole unfolding of the war program becomes difficult to combat.

The real mistake, the real source of the war danger, arises in the original aid-to-Britain violation of strict neutrality.

To pretend an "opposition" to the war-dictatorship bill while giving full support to the "aid-to-Britain" mistake is really to give backhanded support to the march toward war. At best, it is short-sighted; at its worst, it is hypocrisy.

To those Americans who did not see at the beginning that the aid-to-Britain policy was merely the start of a march toward war and dictatorship (as the Communists warned), the lesson should now be plain. The aid-to-Britain was the seed; the sweeping war drive of H.R. 1776 is the fruit.

## What Mrs. Roosevelt's Real Concern Is

Mrs. Roosevelt's refusal to speak at the forthcoming meeting of the American Youth Congress in Washington was, in effect, an attack upon the united efforts of young people to secure jobs and opportunity.

She, of course, tried to cover up with none-too-subtle hints of red-baiting. But the real reason for her refusal was revealed unwittingly in a press interview with her reported last Tuesday:

"Mrs. Roosevelt admitted that it was difficult for an organization with Negro and white delegates to find a place to meet and eat in the nation's capital, but she indicated she was not concerned with the problem."

She certainly has a callous way of displaying interest in the welfare of young people. The youth, however, are vitally concerned with wiping out the stench of the slave market which pervades Washington; for that disgraceful situation is an obstacle to the progressive aspirations of all young people. Mrs. Roosevelt's real concern is in selling Mr. Roosevelt's war program which means disaster and enslavement for the youth.

## The Ominous Shadow Of William C. Bullitt

The ominous shadow of Ambassador Bullitt hung over the latest testimony on the war powers bill.

Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, former Governor LaFollette recounted a conversation he had with former Premier Daladier of France in the early part of 1939. He had asked the Premier, he said, what France expected of the United States in the event of a European war.

"He replied without a moment's hesitation that they expected money, materials and men," said Mr. LaFollette, "and he added that 'we are going to need them and expect them soon.'"

This testimony shed new light on the charges that have been made from time to time that Bullitt used his influence as U. S. ambassador to France, to disrupt the Franco-Soviet Pact, and to perpetrate the Munich betrayal of Czechoslovakia. With his intrigues for a four-power pact to wage war against the Soviet Union, Bullitt was thus instrumental in helping destroy the movement for collective security in Europe and in bringing on the present war.

Bullitt's hand was also seen in the betrayal of France when the French people threatened to take power at the time of the Nazi invasion. Dispatches to the N. Y. Times at the time, indicated that Bullitt was actively engaged in preventing a defense of the city of Paris and in surrendering it to the Nazis.

Throughout all this, Bullitt was, and still is, the emissary of President Roosevelt. Bullitt's activities in sabotaging collective security expose the guilt of the Roosevelt Administration in bringing on the present imperialist war.

## The Threat of Prison Labor

The latest wrinkle in "national defense" is a proposal by the Herald Tribune to use prison labor.

For years the trade union movement has fought against the use of prison labor to undermine labor standards and has obtained legislative safeguards in most states. But now the Herald Tribune sees a chance to repeal these laws under the guise of "defense."

The hypocrisy behind the Tribune's proposal is revealed by the fact that instead of there being a labor shortage, as that paper pretends, some 9,000,000 unemployed are seeking work.

The Tribune's real interest in prison labor lies in the possibility of using it to break down labor standards, thereby making the entire labor movement a prisoner of sweatshop conditions.

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## BLOW TO JIM-CROW

by Ellis



## BRITAIN'S NEW-FOUND AFFECTION FOR ETHIOPIA

Great Britain has decided to recognize Haile Selassie—for the moment! In the House of Commons Monday, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden announced that Britain would "welcome" an independent Ethiopia—and that, of course, the Empire had no "territorial ambitions" in that country whatsoever.

It is immediately apparent that Mr. Eden doth protest too much. This "independence" of Ethiopia, a dispatches from London let us know, is to be understood in a Pickwickian, that is, in a British imperialist sense. It is the same sort of "independence" which Egypt "enjoys" and which is to be meted out to India—with the dependent country torn by artificially stimulated differences between the racial groups among the people, while the British rule the roost.

Raymond Daniell, who cannot be described as hostile to the British ruling clique, wires the New York Times yesterday to the effect that Mr. Eden's words should not be taken too literally. "There are reasons that lead this correspondent to believe that they [the British] do not wish to see Ethiopia become completely independent if and when they win the war," boldly declares this London correspondent of the Times.

The United Press confirms Mr. Daniell's "belief" by declaring that "a British mandate over Ethiopia" is in the wind. William H. Stoneman, who has always been close to the British foreign office in his views and predictions, backs this up with a statement in his dispatch that the British rulers "wish to insure that Ethiopia will be modernized and civilized and past experience has convinced them that it would be too much to ask Haile Selassie alone to guarantee the speedy realization of this process."

"Modernizing" and "civilizing" were Mussolini's announced mission—and they are always the hypocritical alibis for imperialist plunder everywhere throughout the world.

Mr. Stoneman goes farther and reveals that the process of conquering and oppressing India has been hit upon by London in advance, for the conquest of Ethiopia. The frontiers of the former Ethiopia, he indicates, will be cut to one-third, in order to allow the other two-thirds to be split up into "independent" tribes—under British rule, of course. Overnight, the British imperialists have become fondly solicitous about the

Galas and the Shankalas and other tribes—with the same "solidarity" they have nurtured for the "Moslems" in India.

The ruling class of the British Empire—which now "welcomes" the "independence" of Ethiopia in order to make it a British mandate—is the same class which did all in its power to speed on the conquest of that nation by fascist Italy. Only a few weeks ago, Churchill sealed this betrayal once more by his assurance to Italian imperialism that Great Britain would not interfere with that conquest. Then Mr. Churchill was engaged in an effort to buy out Italian imperialism—a bribery to which he can readily return—and the "independence" of Ethiopia did not amount in his eyes to a tinker's damn.

Now this ruling class of England thinks that Ethiopia may be a juicy spoils for itself and begins to talk of it in the terms of a British colony.

Fortunately, the Ethiopian people will have something to say about this whole matter. They fought valiantly, against great odds, for their real independence from Italian fascism; they can be counted on to resist this new game of Empire at their expense.

For the American people, in these revelations there is a vivid reminder again of the imperialist character of this war—that it is between two bandit camps interested exclusively in the chaining of the colonial peoples.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Use Text of 'Daily' for 'Information Please' Sketches

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

First, let me state that after an enforced vacation from our paper for one month, I find it more refreshing, honest and more meaty than ever before. All power to our paper, now and forever.

We have had a lot of fun with the Daily here of late. We find it an interesting way to play "Information Please" using the paper as our text. However, it has been suggested by a person who has only just begun to read the paper, and who incidentally shares my enthusiasm for it, that the editors work on this idea. The interest in crossword puzzles has never quite waned, and it is his idea that the Daily have a crossword puzzle every day. However, this puzzle should differ from all other crossword puzzles in that

through the working of them a reader will glean a pretty good working knowledge of Communism. The idea strikes me as being a pretty good one, and I trust you will be able to do something about it. Yours for a bigger and better paper! S. B.

### Wants 'Soviet Power' Distributed by Millions

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished reading the Dean of Canterbury's book, "The Soviet Power." The book is so interesting and inspiring that I could not put it down until I had finished reading it.

An edition for sale distribution of 100,000 is ready I understand. That number is merely a drop in the bucket. It should be put out by the millions. A.O.

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

AN EDITORIAL BY RALPH TIMEPIECE

[Suggested by those chatty, confidential pro-war editorials by the editor of PM.]

Everything that I think of, I tell my readers. Sometimes I tell even before I think. For you and I are such close friends and have no secrets from one another.

Like the other morning. I was drinking my coffee (two lumps—how about you?) when I said to myself: "Ralph, old boy, are you in favor of the United States entering the war?" I was quite taken off my guard by my question, but recovering my poise I replied casually, "Why, of course." "What a coincidence!" I replied to myself, "so am I." Meeting someone who shared my own views so early in the day was quite a thrill because I know that most people disagree with me on the war issue.

I was quite disarmed by my own frankness. "Really, Ralph," I said to myself, "if you are so honest and above-board with me on the war, it is difficult for me to distrust you." (That is the wonderful thing about frankness, isn't it?)

I thought that I had finished with the war question and was about to take a second cup of coffee (only one lump this time because a little sugar from the first cup is still at the bottom) when a serious note struck me. "Ralph," I said to myself, "if we should go to war, wouldn't you lose a lot of readers?" What a strange question, I thought inwardly. "How so?" I asked myself. "Why, look at all your readers who would end up in the trenches, Ralph, and I mean end!"

Now isn't that strange? Sometimes we are so taken up with the little details that we lose sight of some mighty important and vital aspects. For a moment I felt rather sober and I ate my toast without marmalade. But then I pulled myself together. "Hang it all," I said to myself with a wry smile. "If you're entering the war, Ralph, you'll just have to take the bad along with the good—even if it does mean losing thousands of fine, upstanding, young American nickels."

Well, those were my thoughts and I jot them down here for what they are worth. If you disagree, just say so—if you can find a couple of old newspaper presses around somewhere.—RALPH TIMEPIECE.

DETROIT.

A Negro minister speaking to his church here on H.R. 1776 said: "The bill will kill what little we have left of democracy. But we are told not to worry too much because the undertaker agrees to report on the condition of the corpse every 90 days." J.

OIL

Oil in the West and oil in the East  
Oil for Britain and for Japan  
Oil for ships and oil for planes  
Oil to set whole cities in flames  
Our sons will die for rubber and gold  
On the stock exchange their lives will be sold  
While profiteers fight for foreign soil  
All for

Oil

Oil  
The rich grow richer on oil to Japan  
The poor grow poorer to the last dead man  
In Indonesia our sons will lie  
And drenched by American oil will die  
While Standard Oil is shipped to Japan  
And Royal Dutch Shell the fires will fan  
The oil corporations reap profits royal  
And the payoff is

Oil

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SVV.

On Jan. 29, the N. Y. Times reported a profit for United States Steel of \$102,181,321 for 1940—a gain of 148% per cent over the previous year. On Jan. 30, the financial editor of the Times reported that "generally, Wall Street took the United States Steel earnings report without much flinching."

What fortitude!  
A violent dispute is raging over whether or not the Duchess of Windsor had her face lifted. But one thing is certain: the Bahamas and the rest of the Empire's possessions were all originally lifted.

The main war aim of every imperialist government is to keep its people from discovering its war aims.

It is rumored that the new model favored by Henry Ford will be Green.



## CHANGE THE WORLD



Dorothy Thompson Frightens  
Mark Sullivan with Her  
'Red Socialist' Propaganda  
By MIKE GOLD

A SPECTER is haunting Mark Sullivan. This rotund old champion of the Cannibal System has been reading Dorothy Thompson too faithfully, and evidently believes every word she utters. She frightens him. She predicts that "it is highly probable that Great Britain will emerge from the war as some form of socialist economy..." Furthermore, she seems jubilant as any Marxist over the prospect. In a voice that suggests the tumbrels and the guillotine to the old, male Marie Antoinette of the Herald Tribune, she cries that she is glad, glad, glad!

"Nowhere in the world today will the masses of workers give their full powers to the tasks for the sake of profit to a limited class," she says. "That is an inexorable fact..."

Mr. Sullivan wants Congress to investigate all this immediately. Since our Congress, he says, is, in effect, about to underwrite British victory, it is reasonable to know whether "subversive persons in Britain" have secret war aims which "include socialism for Britain."

Whither are we drifting with Dorothy Thompson, that Red Under the Bed of the Herald Tribune? But Mr. Sullivan does not threaten as yet to take steps. First, he wants a new Dies Committee to investigate England. If it finds, however, any traces of socialism there, then one presumes, Sullivan will be free to come out with the usual appeasers' slogan, "Better Hitler than Stalin! No Aid to a Working Class England!"

There is something comical, of course, in the spectacle of an old Tory shivering with fear lest Dorothy Thompson and her British counterparts start a revolution against the Cannibal System.

There is something just as ludicrous in the spectacle of the Dorothy Thompson of this war spouting, preaching, singing the promise of "socialism-after-the-war" around as freely as any Albee MacPherson distributing choice building lots in Heaven to her faithful flock.

The Mark Sullivan understands the necessity of this sort of organized propaganda of large promises as little as they did the New Deal promises of Roosevelt the reformer. Mr. Roosevelt was never a Communist or advocate of socialism. He was a liberal trying to save the Cannibal System from its own dangerous defects. A liberal is only a stream-lined, modern Tory. Mr. Roosevelt is such a liberal Cannibal. Miss Thompson is another. They are as faithful to the Cannibal system as Mr. Sullivan. But they are more intelligent; because they are closer to the people than the Marie Antoinettes of the Union League Club. Liberals know that the People are a force in history-making. The Tories never know or acknowledge such a fact.

Most of this new movement of "after-the-war socialism" consists of the same old bundle of carrots dangled before the proletarian mules to make them work, suffer and die for the masters.

It is a sign, however, that this war is starting on a different plane than the last that immense hopes and promises have to be held out before the People. The ante has been raised.

In the last war, the British people needed only to be promised to find their old jobs waiting for them, under the same class-system.

Undoubtedly, there is a strong and growing feeling among the British people that the enormous sacrifices demanded from them deserve enormous compensation. This is a new feeling that has gradually evolved since the last Cannibal war.

So if one part of Miss Thompson's "after-the-war-socialism" is merely the usual high-class liberal hokum for moving the masses, another part is made up of the same fear that moves Mark Sullivan. It is as an antidote and preventative of the danger of "socialism now" that "socialism-by-and-by" is always presented.

What in the world is Mark Sullivan scared of? If and when socialism comes to England, (as it must) the Dorothy Thompsons will be the drummer-boys of the American army sent to crush it.

## Prokofieff's Classical Symphony, WNYC at 12

Music and ballet celebrates program's fourth anniversary over WQXR at 10 P.M. . . . Adventures in Science over WABC at 3:45 . . . Eastman School Symphony Orchestra heard on WJZ at 9 P.M. . . . Family Brice on WJAZ at 8 . . . Midday Symphony features Prokofieff's Classical Symphony over WNYC at noon.

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But Not Private

By DAVE FARRELL

Davis Throws 'Em in for Star Yankee, Cub Rookies

LOS ANGELES.—I'd better get this piece written today because tomorrow, Sloan's Liniment (free advt.) to the contrary, I know I'm going to regret my activity of this afternoon. But the sun has been out, the thermometer has been around the 80 degrees mark. And the sap was beginning to flow. And it started giving me ideas. Ideas like it's time to start writing again, writing baseball.

Even in the cap press of Southern California, where said cap press is at its worst, a little baseball is trickling onto the sports pages. And so the paper is readable. Or a guy whose passions are devoted to baseball and football, January is a tough month. True there is basketball. But it's not for me. It's like the story of the guy who walked into a delicatessen, stood before a slab of hot pastrami and asked, "Is it any good?"

The delicatessen-keeper deep in a feuilleton, probably "The Heart of a Widow," looked up angrily and snarled, "For who likes it, it's good!" That's the way basketball is with me. For them as likes that kind of a sport, that's the kind of a sport they like.

I saw a couple of ball games over the week-end and worked out with about \$150,000 worth of ivory. Good games too. I saw Louie Stringer play with a pick-up team of major and minor leaguers, get beaten by USC 3-2 in ten innings. But our Mr. Stringer made the most unusual play I've ever seen. With a man on first, for some reason, the first sacker wasn't holding the man close. The hitter poked one through the slot between first and second. How Louie got to the ball at all I'll never know but he did, made a stop and flipped the ball off-balance to the first baseman, playing deep who threw the ball to the shortstop, forcing the man going down to second. The runner must have been slow I'll admit, but the play was a sensation. And Stringer's stop was so sensational I was sorry a movie camera hadn't caught it.

Right then and there I decided that I had to do a piece about him. So between innings I braced him and asked him for the lend of his scrap-book. Matt Gallagher, Angel press agent, told me that Louie's mother had been keeping a book on the boy, from childhood. I made a date for this morning. But when I came around for it, his Ma told me that Louie had forgotten his date but I could find him at a playground near by.

I went over to the playground, thereby making a great mistake. I should have conned his mother out of the scrap-book and gone home. But I didn't. And after tracking down the Cub's sensational rookie infielder, I found I made a bum deal. Stringer said I could have the book on one condition. He had three other fellows with him and they wanted somebody to pitch batting practice to them. Could I throw a ball as far as the plate? I could and I did. And tomorrow I suppose it will be "Oy!"

The other three fellows were Yankee Gerald Priddy, half of that sensational team of Priddy and Rizzuto, Johnny Berardino of the St. Louis Browns, and a kid named Ed Stewart, who goes up to the Pirates from San Diego. If I had to put a price tag on them I'd rate Stringer and Priddy at \$50,000 a piece and the other lads at about twenty-five each. The Stewart boy may be a year away, or maybe not. He may be ready this season. He certainly is fast and has plenty at the plate. In his second year in pro ball since leaving the UCLA campus, he hit for .320 with the Padres in the AA Coast League.

I got the scrap-book all right, and I'll tell you about Stringer in a couple of days, when I've recovered from the war. But I was pretty much interested in Priddy's analysis of what the Yankee infield will look like. To begin with he like the rest of us is baffled. He threw no naps at anybody. But he was pretty insistent on the notion that he and Phil Rizzuto should not be split up, a notion to which most of us submit. After all, they did burn up the Association for a couple of years at Kansas City, setting all sorts of records for the double play. When I pointed out that Joe Gordon is acknowledged the best second sacker in the business, Priddy shrugged his shoulders, agreed with me, and suggested that Joe might be moved over to third.

I pointed out that the throw to first might be too long for him. Berardino countered, "Not a bit, Joe's got a swell arm and what's more he has played a lot of shortstop before going over to the key-hole."

I pointed out that Rolfe might very well be back in shape, that after all one bad year doesn't run him off the club. And that previously he had been credited with being the best third sacker in the business. To this I got a yell, "But he's 32 years old!" This was a crime to them. Old Man Berardino, who won't be 24 until May Day, was the Patriarch, with Stewart being 22 and the kids 21 each. (Stringer pointed out with great glee that Billy Herman, his competition, was 33.)

Somebody started the notion that Gordon could play 1st, and on that horrible thought, I got away in a hurry, and garnered up the scrap-book. Mighty, mighty soon, I'll tell you a little about Louie Stringer.

CCNY Tracksters Prepping for Met

City College's track squad is taking daily workouts on the N. Y. U. track in preparation for the Metropolitan Intercollegiate meet being held next Wednesday in the Coliseum. Coach Tony Orlando has been clocking the boys and predicts that Negro Clifford Goldstein, formerly of De Witt Clinton, will be among the first few in the mile. Co-

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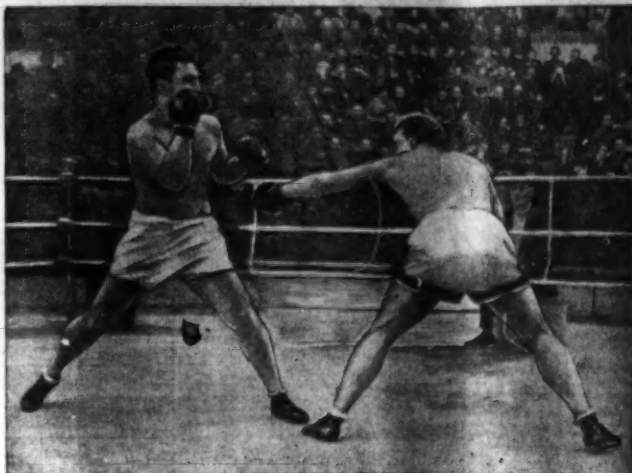
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BOXING CHAMPS CLASH IN U.S.S.R.



The heavyweight champions of the Estonian and Georgian Republics of the Soviet Union recently clashed in the capital of the former, Navasardov, Georgian champ, won the decision in what was described as a thrilling and skillful bout and will go on in the elimination tourney to decide a new All Union champ. All boxers have trades, which they resume as soon as they leave the ring.

LEONARD vs. TENDLER!



BENNY LEONARD, right, and Lew Tendler, raise each others hands in token of "victory" at the end of a three-round exhibition bout in Philadelphia. Leonard, as champ, fought a series of thrilling duels with Tendler years ago. Benny, through financial duress, had to come back to the ring in later years, long after retiring. But this bout was just a playful exhibition.

Soose Faces Hardest Hitting Middle Tom'w

Vigh Is a Real Better—But Classy Billy Has Handled All Types Successfully

Ernie Vigh and Billy Soose, two middleweights with a weather eye cocked at Ken Overlin's crown, are making their last preparations today for tomorrow night's bout at Madison Square Garden. They limbered up at Stillman's gym yesterday.

Fast and clever, Billy, "uncrowned middleweight champion," is favored to dispose of his opponent, but he probably won't have an easy time. With 36 kayoes marking his 52 professional contests, Vigh is probably the hardest hitter among the 160-pounders. Soose will find that the Newburgh youth, recent conqueror of Coley Welch, never takes a backward step, and that he is a dynamic puncher who is extremely powerful.

Billy, of course, is no slouch himself. He outboxed Tamr Maurello for a decisive win in his Garden debut several weeks ago, and is one of the classiest performers the middleweight division has boasted in years.

With victories over the two reigning middleweight kings, Overlin and Tony Zale, NBA titleholder, to his credit, Soose can point to his past superiority not only to boxers, but to heavy punchers as well. Zale carries big

COURT NOTES

Temple Loses Only Close Ones—Rams to Test CCNY

Temple went out to Peoria, Ill., Tuesday night and dropped another one of those close heartbreakers, this one to Bradley Tech, 48-45. All four of the Owls' defeats have been within that three-point range, the others being two to Michigan State, and one to Georgetown. The defeats have probably cost them a bid to the March Tourney, but they'll be out to louse up NYU when they come in here later this month.

Touring Wake Forest, which was lipped by the Oubach AA, dropped another to Villanova 50-33 at Philly. Out on the Coast, Oregon, which lost to LIU here early in the season, nipped the favored Washington five to take the lead in the Northern Division of the race. Stanford is tops down South, without an Indiana man on the team!

Bill King, LIU's great center who ended his college career last week, plays week-ends with an All Negro pro team and during the week helps Clair Bee, specifically tutoring sophomores Holub and Gurfien on the intricacies of the pivot shot.

Saturday's doubleheader promises more excitement than last night's. The decisive way in which Fordham routed Yale means that the Rams will put CCNY to a real test of their new potency, while an LIU-Duquesne game is always a natural.

Ace Parker Signs For 2 Years with Grid Dodgers

Ace Parker, most valuable player in the National Football League last year, signed a two-year contract with the Brooklyn grid Dodgers yesterday.

Parker, who was to have had a chance in baseball this year as a rookie short-stop with the Pittsburgh Pirates, had been undecided which career to follow.

Dan Topping, Brooklyn football owner, announced at a luncheon that Parker had decided in favor of football. Under terms of the contract, Parker can play baseball, but he must quit that game on Aug. 15 in order to report for football practice.

It was not known whether Pittsburgh would accept Parker under those conditions or would give him his unconditional release.

Topping said that "Parker today becomes one of the highest paid players in professional football."

Schumacher Signs

Veteran pitcher Hal Schumacher has signed his contract for 1941, the New York Giants announced yesterday. Schumacher won 13 and lost 13 last year and had 3.25 earned run average.

Dodger Fans Rub Hands for Giant Opening

'Let Us at Those Second Division Bums,' Say They

The National League season will open with a bang as far as Brooklyn is concerned as the Giants come into Ebbets Field for a three-game series on April 15, 16 and 17.

In past years the coming of the haughty Giants brought fear and trembling to the advocates of the hopeful but futile Brooklyn. This year the Flatbush fans are already rubbing their hands together in anticipation of blasting the Terry-men regularly, for the Dodgers shape up as number 2 team in the league, with a chance for the flag, while the fading Giants loom as a second division certainty.

Other opening games find possibly improved Boston at still hopeless Philadelphia, Pittsburgh's none too well balanced Bucs at Chicago, where all eyes will be on Louie Novikoff, and the champs at home to the St. Louis Cards. It's a league that could stand a good injection of the Negro stars to make 1941 the best race ever. The gap between the top and the bottom is going to be terrific, and many baseball men think the gap between Cincinnati and the rest of the league will be pretty big in itself.

Opening Day N. L. Schedule

**APRIL 15**  
Boston at Philadelphia  
New York at Brooklyn  
Pittsburgh at Chicago  
St. Louis at Cincinnati

**APRIL 16**  
Brooklyn at Boston  
Philadelphia at New York  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh  
Chicago at St. Louis

A Slight Setback

A campaign to build up big Abe Simon, slummy 250-pounder, as an "opponent" for Joe Louis suffered a rather embarrassing hitch the other night when Simon ran into Leon Thompson in Pittsburgh in one of his "warmup matches." Thompson, Negro sparsmate of Louis, won the decision handily. Well, anyhow, maybe Simon will qualify as a sparsmate for the champ.

Squawks on Ruling, But Not From Players

Moguls Looking for Way Out of Decree That Stops the Optioning of Players Who Are Ready for Big Time

There's opposition today to Judge Landis' decree that minor leaguers purchased by a major league club cannot be optioned unless waivers from all other big league teams are first obtained.

There's opposition—but it doesn't come from the players. The National League owners are squawking. They decided yesterday to appoint a committee "to arrange a practical solution of the problem that will prove more equitable to the club owners as well as to the players" (in the view of Wednesday's New York Times).

Judge Landis' ruling hits the big chain system operators—the Cardinals, Dodgers, and Reds—in their pocketbooks. That's why they're looking for more "practical solutions."

Even the owners, meeting at the New Yorker Tuesday, had to admit that Landis' move was a break for the players. No more can teams option players three times, shunted them back and forth from one "farm" to another, and thus deprived them of a chance to make the grade with some other major league club.

The wealthy owners complain that Landis' decree endangers expensive "investments" in minor league talent. They believe that if they spend \$30,000, for example, on a minor leaguer, they should have the right to option him for several seasons if he doesn't fit into their schemes at once.

Under the new ruling, expensive "property" can now be purchased by the clubs at the waiver price of \$7,500 if the original purchaser decides that said expensive property doesn't fit into the team's plans that year. That will be a great break for the weaker clubs and for the players, while cracking to some extent the monopoly on talent maintained by the wealthier organizations. That's why they're squawking. That's why such papers as the Herald-Tribune and New York Times, as usual, are taking the side of the magistrates against the players.

Fans who remember the consistent refusals of the owners to

Not All Of Us, Mr. Meany

Bob Feller's courageous defense of his Cleveland Indian teammates at the baseball writers' dinner was a further blow at the legend of the "Cry Babies" that was started by the scribes.

In admitting that in a recent column, however, Tom Meany, PM's columnist, said that all the writers had made the same mistake in regard to the players.

Not all, Mr. Meany. The Daily Worker pointed out from the first that the players were perfectly justified in organizing against Oscar Vitt. But only now are the other papers beginning to admit what was always obvious to sports writers and fans who see things from the viewpoint of the players. Include us out, Mr. Meany!

admit Negroes into the majors are probably not falling for their protest. Landis' decree helps to break the monopoly of the wealthier teams to some extent. But ending the Jim Crow ban would be a much better—and even more popular—step in that direction.

THE ROUND UP:

King Pulls 'Em in As Pro; Hensley "Not So Hot" to Boss When He Asks for Raise

By Jack Jules

The magic name of Dolly King is making those turnstiles sing. In his first pro appearance the former LIU star attracted 2,000 customers, the largest crowd ever to watch an all-Negro basketball game in Washington, D. C. However the premiere was ruined by the Washington Bruins who defeated King's Dixie Blackbirds, 33-28, after trailing for two periods.

Dolly's next appearance will be with the New York Flashers at the St. Nicholas Palace this Sunday in the opener of a double bill.

Joey Ianotti got a very unpopular nod over Curley Nichols in the main event at the Bronx Coliseum Tuesday night. Chester Rice lost out in his first comeback attempt since breaking his hand, dropping an eight rounder to Harry Hurd bearer of a 15 fight win streak. Walter Franklin lasted just one minute and 11 seconds before Walter Flores cowed him.

At the Broadway Arena Yussel Goldstein outroughed Frankie Britt to take the decision. Yussel was cut over the left eye but he had enough to take the New Englander fight without a defeat for

his 32nd. Tommy Roman and Able Kaufman battled to a draw in the semi-final.

Joe Cronin signed up two hurlers for his Gold Sox yesterday, right-hander Bill Sayles and Lefty Larry Powell. The Red Sox are experimenting heavily with rookies because their veteran mound crops is so short of major league ability.

According to the Associated Press Guy Slapnicka, President of the Cleveland Indians, charged Rolfe Hensley with ingratitude because his "idea of what he's worth is way out of bounds." Whose bounds?

Slapnicka admits that Rolfe is a "fine catcher" but says that when it came to trading all the other clubs preferred Frankie Pytlak. Well, if Pytlak is so good why was he traded and how come Hensley caught most of the Indians' games last season.

The truth about all this is that this Slapnicka on the wrist follows the tradition magnate hold-out formula. Playdown the ability of the holdout—playup the ability of other rival players, especially rookies coming up. In this case Jim Hegan, Oklahoma City backstop last season.

Watch the other tycoons apply it whenever contracts return unsigned. It seems that ballplayers are always the best in the world until they demand more money—a demand which rules the owner more than a lost ball game.

It seems that the football club owners never gave Elmer Layden permission to rule them as Omar of pro football. Well whoever heard of anybody giving a Car permission to rule? It seems that Storek didn't bring him. Carl Storek is President of the National League and a figurehead.

For three one minute rounds in Philadelphia the other day Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler attempted to reenact their epic combat in the squared circle. No longer lightweight both battlers were fat and paunchy as they wheezed through the scheduled routine in marked contrast to the 12 round bout in which Leonard talked Tendler out of a knockout so many years ago. With their ability gone the only thing both carried into the ring from that historic battle was the tongue and the ears which will always be remembered by flaccid landom

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